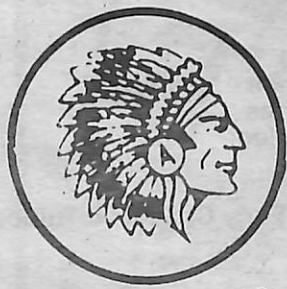


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Johnson's Supporters Comment...

"A Hard Act To Follow..."

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Ending months of speculation and rumors about his future plans, Mayor Christopher C. Johnson made it official last Thursday afternoon, June 10th, on the steps of Town Hall.

With two week-old Emily Rose cradled in his arms, Johnson told the crowd of supporters, friends, and family members that he was announcing the hardest decision he had ever made in his life: he would not seek a sixth term in office.

"I'm going to miss coming to Town Hall, but what I'll miss most is working for the best people on earth—the people of Agawam," Johnson said. "I'm hoping my successor will lead Agawam into the future."

Praising Johnson for the "remarkable job" he's done as the town's first and only mayor, Republican Town Committee Chairman Ronald E. LaRiviere said the committee had been waiting for Johnson to announce his intention before beginning to consider which candidate they will support in November.

"Nobody can negate what Chris has done. He's been a remarkable financial steward in giving the town the new Fire Station and the school expansion projects while he's kept the tax rate under control. No matter who runs for the office, they are going to have to measure up to his achievements. He's going to be a hard act to follow," LaRiviere said.

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MAYOR CHRISTOPHER C. JOHNSON holds his newborn daughter, Emily Rose, as his wife, Anna, looks on. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Happy 106th!!!



YVONNE GEOFFRION turned 106 years of age last Sunday, June 13th. She is a resident of Heritage Hall South in Agawam. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Million Dollar Winner!



JERRY CODERRE, owner of Agawam Public Market, holds the \$5 "scratch ticket" that won \$1 million for one of his regular customers last Friday, June 11th. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

In Addition To Being Banned From Lighting Up In Eateries...

Smokers Could Be Fined For Lighting Up On School Property

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Smokers could find the cost of their habit even more expensive if they choose to light up on school property or in local restaurants. The Board of Health is considering two separate initiatives that would result in a total ban on smoking in Agawam restaurants and fines for violations of the state which already prohibit anyone from smoking on public school property.

Last week, the School Committee was unanimous in approving a resolution requesting that the Board of Health institute a system of fines of \$25 for a first offense and \$100 for a second and subsequent offenses for anyone caught smoking on school property.

School Committee Chairman (Mayor) Christopher C. Johnson said the Board of Health would designate school administrators as the enforcement agents and Town Council will be asked to authorize the institution of the fining system which will work on the same basis as traffic tickets. The fining system is expected to be in place by October 1st, and an addendum will be ad-

ded to the student handbook to inform students and their parents of the consequences of lighting up at school. Offenders will have the right to challenge the ticket in court or face criminal penalties if they do not pay the fine.

"This alone is not going to curtail smoking in the High School bathrooms, but the administration will be taking other steps and this is a good first step," commented committee member Susan Pettazzoni, who worked on the Smoking Advisory Task Force along with administrators, students, and fellow committee member Linda Galarneau to draft the resolution.

School Committee member Rosemary Sandlin wants to see the fines applied to everyone—not just the students caught smoking at school. "I want to see uniformity in enforcement between students, parents, and our employees. I don't care who is smoking on school grounds, they should get a ticket," Mrs. Sandlin said.

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JOHNSON - from Page 1...**Time For A Change**

Although the birth of his daughter and his desire to spend more time at home with his family played a large role in his decision, Johnson said he always knew that being the mayor would not be his lifelong occupation. "It's time for me to make a change and it's time for the town to make a change," Johnson said.

Johnson thanked his supporters and family members, especially his wife, Anna, for their tireless work campaigning on his behalf. "They've all been there working in the trenches for me for 10 years," Johnson said.

Johnson will have enough to keep himself busy for the next six months tying up loose ends at Town Hall and working on a transition plan for his successor, whoever that may be.

"I want to assist in making a smooth transition so we don't miss a beat because that's what the people deserve," Johnson said. "And I'm still hoping to bring a DPW garage proposal to the council before I leave."

Although he has no immediate job prospects, Johnson expects to return to his professional roots in the law. Despite having had several job offers while serving as mayor, Johnson said he decided against leaving office before serving out the term the people had elected him to. "I didn't feel it would be right to leave early," Johnson said. "I had made a commitment to the people who voted for me."

He'll be home playing with Emily on Saturday mornings during this campaign season rather than holding a campaign sign in Feeding Hills Center. But, some of his most fiercely loyal supporters may find old habits hard to break and find themselves gravitating toward a busy intersection like a horse let out of the barn.

Resident Ray Moreau joked that the Feeding Hills Dunkin' Donuts will surely suffer a financial loss when he no longer alternates between holding a campaign sign and going in for more coffee. For resident Joann McGeoghan, a long-time supporter and close friend, the fact that her candidate is not running makes no difference—she plans to plant a Johnson sign on her lawn anyway.

"The campaign season will seem very strange. Part of me will be sad after we've all supported him with our whole hearts and souls, but I'm happy for him and this is the time for him to make a change," Mrs. McGeoghan said. "One thing is sure: this is going to be a very quiet fall for me."

Patrick Nolan, Johnson's business partner and former campaign manager, expects to "watch from the sidelines for a while and see what's going on" in what many political insiders believe will be a crowded field of candidates hoping to take up the reins of government where Johnson left off.

Town Councilor Nancy Thompson, who will announce her intention to enter that field of candidates today, said the town has been fortunate to have had Johnson for 10 years as the mayor. Ms. Thompson credited Johnson with bringing the town to the point where its financial state is strong and its infrastructure is solid.

"We all know that economic times of boom are cyclical in nature and can't last forever, but Chris has laid the groundwork for stability with the projects he's started and the people he's hired," Ms. Thompson said. "Thanks to him, the next mayor has a solid foundation to build upward."

A Sad Day For The Town

Colleagues on the School Committee say Johnson will be sorely missed and that his shoes will be hard to fill. Committeewoman Linda Galarneau said, "It's a sad day for the town. I know that people have to do what's best for their families, but I feel this is a loss for Agawam and he will be missed."

School Committeewoman Susan Pettazzoni, who was elected to the board the same year Johnson (as the mayor) became the committee chairman, credited Johnson with quelling the fears and doubts over how the new configuration would work out.

"Chris set the standard and he made it work, as you can see by the results of the changes we've made and how far we've come in improving the schools," Mrs. Pettazzoni said.

School Committeeman Louis Massoia, Jr. agreed that Johnson has done a good job for education, even though he hasn't always seen eye-to-eye with the Mayor. "He's doing a very difficult job balancing the needs of the schools and the needs of the town," Massoia said. "While we're never happy with the amount of money we have for education, we know he has to keep everyone else happy, too."

As someone who made the decision to leave elected office to have more time to spend with his family, Town Clerk Richard Theroux said the Mayor made the right decision for his family.

"The town was fortunate to have him as we did and now we look forward to having some good candidates, some good choices for the town," Theroux said.

Agawam School Comm. Mtg. Agenda For June 22, 1999

1. Call to Order
2. Moment of Silence
3. Citizen's Speak Time
4. Roll Call of Attendance
5. Superintendent's Notes
6. Highlights on Education:
 - 1998-1999 Retirees
7. Old Business:
 - SCR99-29: Proposed Early Childhood Tuition Increase
8. Business Meeting
 - a. Routine Matters
 - 1) Approval of Minutes
 - 2) Calendar/Correspondence
 - b. Warrants/Transfers
 - c. Reports:
 - School Committee Goals & Objectives
9. New Business:
 - SCR99-30: Awarding of Bids
 - SCR99-31: MASC Voting Delegate
 - SCR99-32: Approval of K-4 Social Studies Textbooks
10. Policy Review:
 - Third Readings (Policy Revisions):
 - a. FF "Naming Facilities"
 - b. KJA "Relations with Booster Organizations."
11. Any other action which may legally come before the Committee
12. Executive Session: Personnel
13. Adjournment

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TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on Thursday, June 24, 1999 at 7:15 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Mass. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear the Request for Determination of Applicability of Langone for property located on Barney Street.

By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
Agawam Conservation Commission

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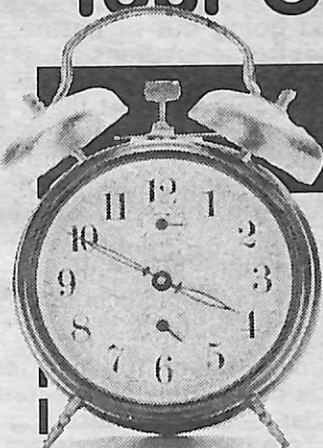
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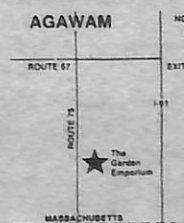
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Letters To The Editor

A Poem In Honor Of Retired Clark Principal Smith Rovelli

To The Editor:

Well, this man who was Clark Principal,
And he surely was quite a dandy,
Was succeeded by Mrs. Howard,
Who's better known as "Sandi."

Smitty ruled the James Clark School
As Principal Supreme.
For 14 years, about his retirement,
The teachers could only dream.

Then it happened, on the 8th of June,
In the year of '94.
The "Bossman" was retiring,
And the teachers let out a ROAR.

I'm sure it was gladness for "Smitty,"
But of this we may never know.
Or maybe the roar came from others,
You know, that upstart PTO.

For that lunchroom problem was unsettled,
And very much in the news.
Sitting backward or frontward for the children,
Everyone asked, which way would you choose?

Now Sandi may have solved that problem,
Without her splitting hairs.
But you see, her idea of "solving,"
Was to simply buy tables and chairs.

Well we all hope that Smitty is happy,
Going to DisneyWorld and the likes.
And he and Barbara, are getting their exercise,
While out riding on their bikes.

Yes he still gets up early each morning,
And proceeds to dust off his wits.
Then he goes on to pick up the paper,
And starts to read the obits.

If he finds that his name is missing,
Then he surely knows he's not dead.
So he proceeds to have a good breakfast,
Then turns 'round and goes back to bed.

But there's one thing that seems to elude him,
And continues to gnaw at his belly.
For if you look at the sign on his mailbox,
It surely says SAINT ROVELLI.

A SAINT we cannot make him,
Nor do we decide his fate.
But a room in the James Clark School,
The School Board can sure dedicate.

So on with this fine dedication,
For this Principal and Teacher too.
For Smitty's recognition, for his service
to Agawam,
Is surely now long overdue.

And we say to this pillar of education,
Without getting on bended knees,
"Remember, 'Old Principals' never die,
They just lose their FACULTIES."

Lou Massoia
School Committee-Man
June 2, 1999

Good Luck To Ray Shugart & His New Martial Arts Center

To The Editor:

I have been sending my children to Hwang's School of Martial Arts for five years. The senior instructor, Mr. Shugart, has now started his own school, Shugart's Martial Arts Training Center.

I feel the need to express my feelings as a parent as well as a fellow martial artist of 20 years about the quality of experience available from Mr. Shugart. I have my own martial arts school, but I send all three of my children to Mr. Shugart. He is the shining example of what martial arts should be for children.

Many schools are chains with very talented, but distant masters. Mr. Shugart is a local martial arts treasure. His ever-present spirit drives his school and is maintained by his daily presence there. Children learn the values of responsibility, self-control, and discipline. After 25 years, Mr. Shugart has ventured out on his own. He has always been

the local Master, but always took his respectful place in line. Now it's his time to step out on his own.

Mr. Shugart is trying to expand the idea of martial arts from the kick and punch, rigid, old school karate into a modern, family recreational experience. He has taken martial arts to its next natural step. He is not a mass-market template of techniques, but he offers a complete experience. Kids start at four years-old, as did my son, and he offers a wide spectrum of programs for the whole family. Tired moms can learn cardio kick boxing while their children take karate lessons.

I travel the country visiting marital arts schools and developing violence prevention programs for children in schools. I have always felt so lucky to have Mr. Shugart in my backyard. It is difficult to express how unique and powerful his energy is to the formation of a positive experience for children and adults training with him. He is tough, energetic, positive, and a world-class motivator.

Although Mr. Shugart has had many distinguished honors such as coaching international teams, he is rarely singled out for the remarkable job he does day in and day out with the young people who train at his school. I know how hard it is to pump up every day and teach the same techniques. Somehow Mr. Shugart manages to maintain his fresh and energizing spirit every day.

I keep trying to catch him laying off, maybe because of my envy, but I never am disappointed. He is day in and day out a resoundingly positive force in his school. His school is a reflection of him; positive, tough, and loving.

At a time when parents are bombarded with frightening images of violence in schools, fears about safety, it is a clear relief to have a readily available remedy in Mr. Shugart. If a parent wants to trust their children's health and safety to one person, my strong and clear recommendation is Mr. Shugart. I wish him well and his new Martial Arts Training Center.

Frank C. Sacco, Ph.D.
Agawam

In Praise Of Carol Nemes, Owner Of "Forget Me Not"

To The Editor:

I am writing to you to request your assistance in publicly acknowledging one of our new local businesses. Carol Nemes, owner of the Forget Me Not Consignment Shop of Feeding Hills Center, was instrumental with the development of a new "Career Closet" for the participants in our Family Self-Sufficiency Program at HAP, Inc. of Springfield.

A couple of months ago, I approached Carol with the idea of donating any items in her store that she would no longer have any use for with an explanation of what I would do with them. Carol was very warm and receptive to the plan. She advised me to check back when she was changing over for the season and would have some clothing for the program.

Carol's word was all that was needed. When I did the follow-up, she remembered who I was without prompting and responded, "I am so glad you called me back," as if I was doing something special for her, when, in fact, it was she that was doing something special for us. The clothes, shoes, and accessories that have been donated are professional quality clothing and will be used for participants of our program seeking employment and attending job interviews.

Carol's caring and generosity will greatly enhance the quality of life and open doors for many of our participants in more ways than one.

For those of you that have not had the pleasure of meeting such a caring, giving, and welcoming

proprietor such as Carol, I highly recommend that you stop by her consignment shop and see for yourself what a beautiful place she has and continue to support her as she supports us.

Thank you, Carol,
Sherry Duchesne
Family Self-Sufficiency Specialist

There Is No Shortage Of Restaurants In West Spfld.

To The Editor:

It has been brought to my attention that at the recent public hearing on smoke-free restaurants in Agawam, reference was made to restaurants in West Springfield going out of business due to local tobacco control regulations.

The Town of West Springfield adopted smoke-free restaurants in July 1994. At that time, there were approximately 79 restaurants in town. Because of its geographical location, West Springfield attracts many out-of-town dining patrons. For example, during a three-day weekend horse show at the Eastern States Exposition, 50,000 visitors eat in our local restaurants.

New restaurant owners seek out West Springfield as a desirable location. One fairly new restaurant in town, the Outback, had to demolish two motels to make space for their restaurant. The restaurant is completely smoke-free — both restaurant and bar — and business is great.

According to Tom Lagodich, Assistant Building Inspector, as soon as one restaurant closes, a new one opens in the same spot. Lagodich states that these businesses do not close because of smoking regulations; they fail because of poor management, prices, competition, or other reasons unrelated to tobacco regulations. He further states that restaurant employees prefer working in smoke-free environments.

West Springfield has no shortage of restaurants — there are currently 89 in operation. Note that this number is 10 more restaurants than West Springfield had when the smoke-free restaurant regulations were adopted.

Connie Hutton
Tobacco Control Director
West Springfield Board of Health

Board Of Health Should Heed Majority Of Agawam Citizens

To The Editor:

Kudos to the fine citizens of Agawam. On Wednesday, June 9th, I attended the Board of Health's public hearing regarding the proposed restaurant smoking ban. Those who gave testimony in favor of the ban clearly outnumbered those opposed. In fact, the gentleman sitting behind me said there were three votes for the ban for every one against.

Three out of four people being for the ban is perfectly understandable because nationwide, 75 percent of adults are non-smokers. So, despite some claims that Agawam is a "smoking" town, it seems to me that roughly three-fourths of Agawam's residents would be for the ban, presuming that those who attended the hearing are a microcosm of the larger community.

In light of the apparent widespread support for the smoking ban, I trust that the three members of the Board of Health, William Euliano, Paul Rannenberg, and Michael Jawitz, M.D., will do the right thing and protect the health of Agawam's citizens by approving the smoking ban when they vote on this measure in July.

Mike Marieb
Feeding Hills

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AHS Softball Booster Club Thanks Local Businesses

To The Editor:

The Agawam High School Softball Booster Club would like to thank the following businesses:

Sam Gallant from the American Legion and Berkshire Power for their support and donations during the softball season.

THANK YOU to all.

The Agawam High School
Softball Booster Club

Thank-You For Helping With Eighth-Grade Celebration

To The Editor:

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the students, parents, and teachers for all their help with the eighth-grade celebration. The students spent a lot of time and worked hard on the decorations, and they did a great job.

I would also like to thank Riverside Park for their donation of day passes for our door prizes. Over 200 students attended the celebration, and it was an evening they'll always remember.

Susan Hamlett
PTO President

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by Fire Chief David Pisano
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SMOKING - from Page 1...

The Board of Health is also considering whether to change the current regulations on smoking in restaurants from requiring half of the seats designated as a non-smoking area to a complete ban on smoking.

Johnson, who grew up in a household that was anti-smoking, now favors the total ban on restaurant smoking, even though he did not support the idea when it first came up seven or eight years ago.

"We'd have been one of the only communities in the area to ban smoking and people were worried about the impact on the restaurant business if smokers left town to eat in restaurants where they could smoke," Johnson said. "But now smokers are used to the idea that they can't smoke in public places. Smoking has been banned from restaurants in the surrounding communities except for Southwick and Springfield. I don't think a ban would have a negative impact on restaurateurs."

Johnson doesn't support the idea of including bars in the ban, but he suggested the possibility of having restaurants set aside a room with its own ventilation system for smokers.

"When you have a documented and known health risk, like second-hand smoke, and you can easily eliminate it, you should," Johnson said. Most of the 50 or so residents who attended last week's public hearing at the Board of Health agreed with the Mayor, with the exception of one smoker and two restaurant owners worried about losing business if the ban is instituted.

Residents stressed the health hazards of second-hand smoke as well as the futility of hav-

ing non-smoking sections without separate ventilation. Many said they deliberately patronage one of the four Agawam eateries where smoking is not allowed or travel to towns with smoking bans in order to enjoy dining out without reeking of tobacco smoke when they emerge from a restaurant.

But restaurateurs feared the ban would jeopardize their investments and cause them to lose business.

Fran Mulcahy, owner of Fran's Restaurant in Feeding Hills Center, pleaded with the board, "Let restaurant owners operate their own businesses and don't gamble with their bankbooks."

Echoing Mulcahy's concerns, Michael Cook, owner of Cooks in the Kitchen on Main Street, Agawam, said his whole life savings was tied up in his restaurant and that diners had the choice of coming to his restaurant or choosing not to. "You're trying to take the choice away from me. I own the restaurant, you don't own it," Cook said.

Board of Health Chairman Bill Euliano told the residents and business owners in attendance, "The public hearing was called because of the broad interest in tobacco issues."

Euliano said the board would collect opinions on both sides of the issue at the hearing and written comments would be accepted from the public until June 19th to assist the board in making their decision on a draft of new regulations that would ban smoking completely in restaurants and result in a warning for a first offense and fines of \$25 for a second offense, \$50 for a third offense, and \$100 for all subsequent offenses.

At presstime, the Board of Health had not set the date for a vote on the smoking ban.

Veterans' Corner - by Ruth C. Bitzas, Veterans' Agent, 786-0400, ext. 236/237

If you attended the Memorial Day Ceremonies on Veterans' Green in Agawam, you would have heard the wonderful keynote address given by Bob McKean, Director of State Veterans' Cemeteries. Bids have already been opened by the Division of Capital Assets & Management for the horizontal work, and we should know soon who the contractors will be. Within the next month or so, we should be seeing some activity at the site.

In a recent newsletter from the Department of Veterans' Services, Mr. McKean advises that, "The construction process should take approximately 10 months, which will keep the project on target for opening around Memorial Day 2000."

He also discusses the subject of "military honors." He writes that, "One of the highlights in the administration building that will be constructed at each cemetery will be a room built especially for the 'Honor Guards.' This room will allow the guards to store weapons, flags, and uniforms while waiting for ceremonies to begin."

Every veteran is due "military honors," and it is the intention of the DVS, Cemetery Division, to insure that this is accomplished. The department has met with numerous veterans' organizations

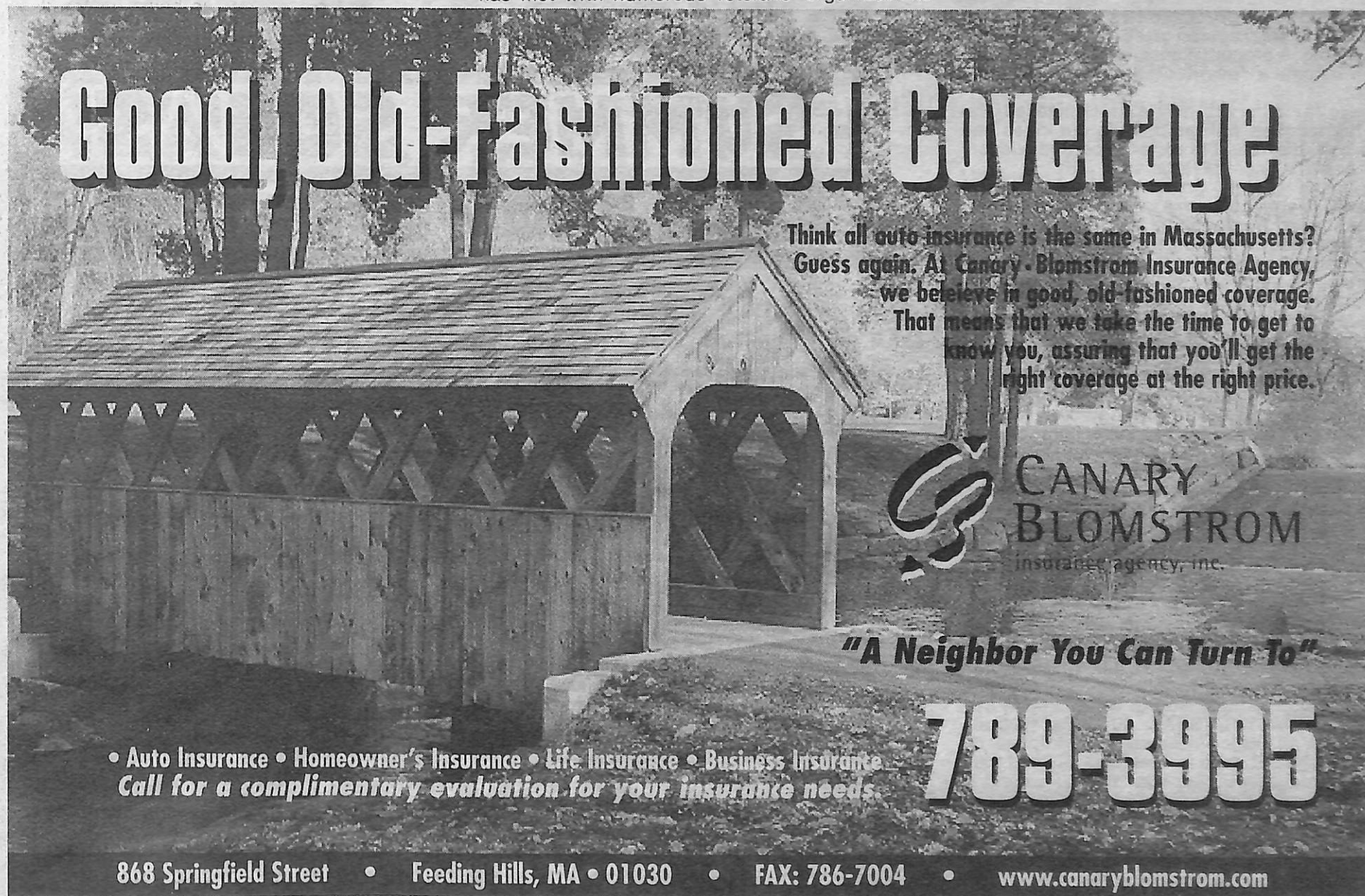
who have expressed the desire to become members of an honor guard detail for the veterans' cemeteries. More are welcome.

DVS has had formal discussions with General Raymond Vezina, the State's Adjutant General, who has offered his strong support and will work with us to seek ways we can mutually accomplish "military honors" through the guard as well.

DVS is of the strong opinion that both the quantity and quality of the honor guard must be maintained. It is anticipated that initial training and refresher training will be conducted at each of the veterans' cemeteries and continue on an ongoing basis.

Currently, there are over 2,000 approved pre-registration applications for burial in the new cemeteries. This response shows the need and timeliness of the construction of these resting places for our nation's servicemen and women, and their eligible family members.

Agawam has almost 500 approved pre-registrations for burial in the Agawam cemetery. Applications may be obtained at the Department of Veterans' Services at Agawam Town Hall, 36 Main Street, Agawam.



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Senate Passes Fiscally Prudent And Balanced Budget

Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) is proud to announce that the Senate passed a Fiscal Year 2000 budget recently that is both fiscally prudent and responsive to the pressing needs of the citizens of the Commonwealth.

The Senate budget provides a variety of important programs for Agawam, fully funds the seventh year of education reform, provides property tax relief for senior citizens, and improves public transportation for Western Massachusetts.

"This is an exemplary budget that confronts many of the important economic and social needs of our society," Melconian said. "The Senate has produced a balanced budget, provided tax relief in areas where it is needed most, and introduced innovative solutions to some of our state's biggest problems."

The Senate has funded a number of important issues for Agawam. The town's innovative community-policing program received more than \$40,000. The Senate created a new initiative that allows communities to apply for money for school building renovation. The current law stipulates that communities are only eligible for grants that expand or create new schools. Under this provision, Agawam will now be eligible to apply for funding of any future school renovations. The Senate budget also assumed all abolished county pension liabilities as a companion piece to the FY 00 State Budget, saving the taxpayers of Agawam nearly \$400,000.

The Senate has also responded to the transportation difficulties of the citizens in Western Massachusetts with an expansion of Regional Transit Authorities, including the PVTa. The plan calls for a \$3.6 million expansion of weeknight and weekend bus service. This expanded service will allow low and moderate income individuals to work off-hour shifts and give senior citizens greater freedom and mobility.

Education has always been one of the Senate's highest priorities. In addition to allocating an additional \$245 million to local cities and towns for education, the Senate budget authorizes \$46.6 million to fund construction costs at 64 schools across the state, \$20 million for remedial MCAS tutoring, and \$10 million to expand school-health services for public and non-public schools. Over the last seven years, the Commonwealth has spent more than \$2.8 billion to improve education.

The Senate also recognized the plight of senior citizens across the state as two of their largest expenses, property taxes and prescription drugs, continue to rise dramatically. The Senate has addressed property taxes with two innovative tax relief programs. The senior volunteer program grants seniors up to \$500 in property tax relief at the rate of the minimum wage in exchange for volunteering for their local cities and towns. The senior circuit breaker plan gives moderate income seniors whose property taxes exceed 10 percent of their income a dollar-for-dollar tax credit of up to \$750.

"These tax cuts will provide much needed property tax relief as well as provide our cities and towns with the valuable experience and wisdom of our seniors," said Melconian.

The rising cost of prescription drugs is the other area of vital concern for seniors. The Senate has responded by doubling the funding for the Senior Pharmacy Program to \$60 million, expanding benefits from \$750 to \$1,500 and broadening the eligibility requirements for the Senior Pharmacy program from 150 percent to 200 percent of the federal poverty level. The Senate allocated another \$20 million to address seniors with catastrophic drug costs.

Libraries, Clean Elections, and Workforce Training were also part of the Senate budget. The Senate provides \$8 million in additional funding for libraries, \$4 million for municipal libraries, and \$4 million for libraries at higher education campuses.

The recently passed Clean Election voter initiative was fully funded with a \$13 million allocation. Finally, the Senate continued its innovative Worker Training program by granting \$18 million that will be used to train workers across the state.

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TOWN OF AGAWAM BOARD OF APPEALS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals will conduct a public hearing at the Agawam Middle School Auditorium, 68 Main St., Agawam, MA on THURSDAY, JUNE 24, 1999 at 6:30 P.M., for all parties interested in the appeal of WILLIAM MOCCIO, who is seeking a Special Permit in accordance with Section 180-55, Paragraph B-30 of the Zoning Ordinances, which would allow for the creation of a trucking terminal at the premises identified as: 339 SILVER STREET.

Doreen Prouty
Acting Chairperson

Published: June 17, 1999

Seeks Town Approval Of Plan...

Dunkin' Donuts Wants To Construct Shop Replicating Historic Building

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

The existing historic structure on the corner of Suffield and Silver Streets can't be rehabilitated for use as a doughnut shop, but the developer is looking for town approval of a plan to construct a new shop that will replicate the historic building.

At a Planning Board meeting two weeks ago, representatives of Dunkin' Donuts owner John Salema unveiled two plans to build a doughnut shop in the image of the Country Mouse House. One plan calls for the razing of both red gift shop and a blue residence, also considered a historic building, which sits on the same property and then constructing a replica of the Country Mouse House. That plan satisfies the town's by-law, which requires 50 parking spaces for a restaurant with a drive-thru window.

But, that plan means both structures will be demolished. The second plan, the one favored by Salema, calls for replacing the red building with a replica and retaining the blue house for use as a residence for one of the restaurant's employees.

The problem with the preferred plan is that in order to save the blue house, the restaurant will lose 19 parking places, thereby falling under the allowed limit of 50 parking spaces for drive-thru restaurants.

Project manager Herbert Serpa asked the Planning Board for help with the company's petition to the Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) for a variance which would reduce the number of required parking spaces so that the second plan, which is favored by the Historical Commission, can be implemented.

"Duplicating The Existing Structure..."

"We'll be duplicating the existing structure and maintaining the blue house and almost all of the land area behind the new building will be used as a buffer between the neighboring area," Serpa said. "Thirty-one parking spaces will be more than adequate for us."

Planning Board member Edward Shibley said his concern was the firm's ability to get a variance from the ZBA. Board member Dennis Hopkins suggested the Planning Board could support the plan at the public hearing of the ZBA, once the Planning Board receives more information about the landscaping plan, the signage that will be used, and the lighting plan for the site.

The developer is expected to present more information on lighting, signage, and landscaping at a Planning Board meeting on June 17th.

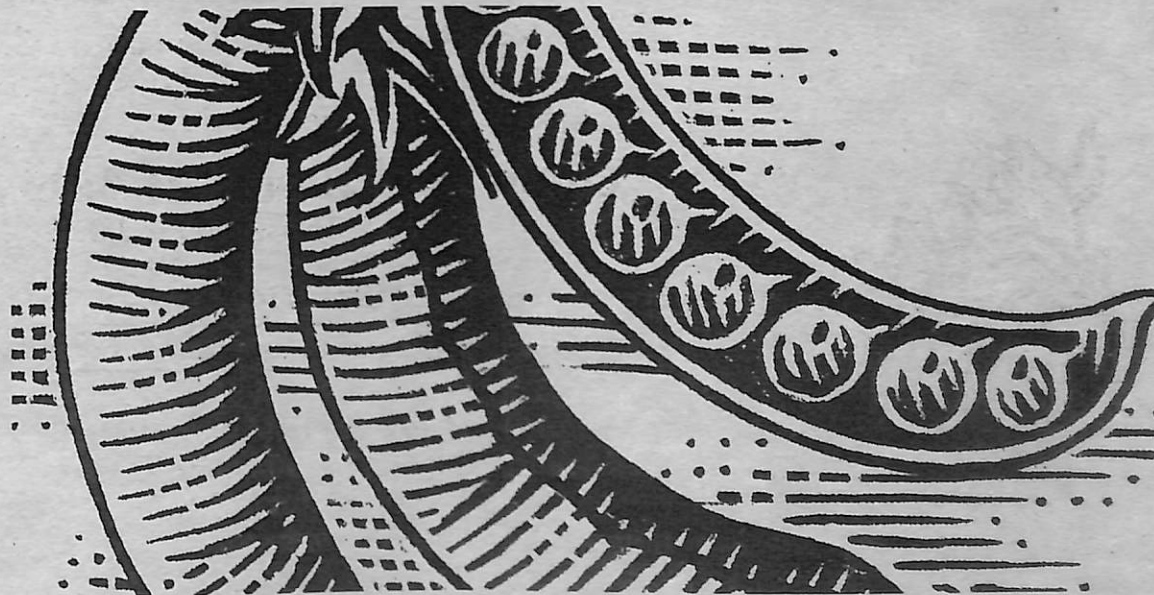
Speaking on behalf of Salema, Attorney Robert Santaniello said his client is willing to go to the trouble and expense of presenting alternate plans for consideration during the permitting process (because he has a sense of commitment and duty to the community where he does business).

"Dunkin' Donuts is part of the community, and Mr. Salema wants his business to contribute to the community," Santaniello.

Salema is the owner of the Dunkin' Donuts in Feeding Hills Center and the Dunkin' Donuts on Springfield Street, Agawam. Both shops will remain open after the restaurant on Silver Street is constructed.

For copies of his photos in this edition, please call AAN photographer Jack Devine at 789-0053; he has all the negatives and will glad to help you.

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From The June 7th Town Council Meeting...

“A Piece Of The News”

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Town Council was unanimous in going along with the recommendation of the licensing committee in levying hefty fines against A & W Auto Sales, 1514 Main Street, and Agawam Auto Mall, 825 Springfield Street, after both dealers were found to have too many unregistered cars on their lots during a May 4th inspection by Building Inspector **Dominic Urbinati**. It was the second time each dealer was found to be in violation this year.

On May 4th, Urbinati counted 29 more cars than allowed at A & W Auto, which will cost a \$1,450 fine, and eight more cars than allowed were found at Agawam Auto Mall, resulting in a \$400 fine. allowed at A & W Auto, which will cost the dealer a \$1,450 fine, and eight more cars than allowed were found at Agawam Auto Mall, resulting in a \$400 fine.

In addition to fining the two dealers with too many unregistered cars on their lots, the council assessed \$50 fines on A & W Auto Sales and Agawam Motor Car Co., 201 Main Street, for not submitting their license application paperwork as requested by February 1, 1999. Fines of \$50 were also approved for H & M Cycles, 74 Garden Street, Feeding Hills; Trailer Works, Inc., 32 Century Street; and Auto Masters of Agawam, 12 School Street, for failing to submit a criminal records background check.

License committee member (Town Councilor) **Gary Geiger** said the cars were packed onto the A & W Auto lot like sardines. “I don’t like doing this, but this is ridiculous. We need these people to come into line with their licenses,” Geiger said.

Committee member (Town Councilor) **Gina Letellier** said A & W had more than double the number of cars allowed by their licenses, and that fines could have been assessed for each car each day the dealer was in violation.

“The fine could be much higher,” Ms. Letellier said. “I think these fines are generous to the dealers.”

The dealers have until 12:00 noon on Monday,

June 21st, to pay their fines or face further council action, which could result in a suspension or revocation of their licenses.

With nine votes in favor and one abstention (Councilor **Jill Simpson**), the council approved the transfer of \$12,500 from the Reserve Fund to the council’s professional services account at the request of Council President **Donald M. Rheault**.

Rheault said the money would be used to pay Attorney **Michael J. Coyne** for legal work representing the council in Berkshire Power’s appeal of the council’s denial of their application for an oil storage permit.

As of May 12th, bills totaling \$14,910.08 had been submitted to the council and Coyne indicated that his bill for services rendered during the month of May would be approximately \$7,500. The amount of money originally budgeted for the council to use for hiring consultants this year was \$10,000.

It came as no surprise to anyone that the council was unanimous in approving the transfer of \$46,280 to pay for the professional installation of playscapes at the four elementary schools.

Two years ago, Town Council agreed to provide financial support to the elementary school PTOs in a joint effort to raise enough money to build modern playscapes for the children to enjoy at each school. The council agreed to match the funds raised by the parents in a two-to-one ratio up to \$80,000. The parents kept their part of the bargain by raising \$42,000.

However, the money raised by the parents and the \$80,000 set aside by Town Council two years ago will only cover the \$122,052 cost of purchasing the playscapes. The additional money was needed to pay for the equipment to be installed.

Several councilors said the issue had generated the most calls they had received from the public and that they were pleased to support

the playscape funding.

Councilor **Jill Simpson** said the parents had been working a long time on the playscape project and that the old equipment had been dismantled during the construction projects at the schools, leaving the children with nothing to play on.

“It’s been almost two years and some kids have left the elementary schools without seeing the play equipment their parents worked so hard for,” Mrs. Simpson said. “I hope there will be some playground equipment for the kids by the opening of school.”

The council was unanimous in approving all but four of the applications originally submitted by Riverside Park for video game licenses because park officials voluntarily offered to withdraw the applications for games containing graphic violence after receiving a call from a councilor expressing concern over the games.

Councilor **Jill Simpson** said Riverside General Manager **Tim Black** was actively working with manufacturers to determine if some games could be regulated and was putting warning stickers on violent games.

“Mr. Black said they’d be willing to pull the games with graphic violence and they are willing to work with us on this,” Mrs. Simpson said. “They also will be willing to remove other games if people hear of a new game with graphic violence.”

Councilor **Nancy Thompson** was not surprised that Riverside so willingly agreed to Mrs. Simpson’s request to eliminate games with graphic violence.

“They’re committed to providing wholesome entertainment,” Ms. Thompson said.

Council President **Donald Rheault** noted, “This truly shows what a good neighbor can be. They’ve proven themselves again and again.”

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COUNCILOR NANCY E. THOMPSON

Councilor Thompson Announces Her Candidacy For Mayor

Agawam City Councilor Nancy E. Thompson was scheduled to officially announce her candidacy for Mayor of Agawam on Thursday evening, June 17th, at 7:00 p.m. at the Captain Charles Leonard House.

Councilor Thompson began her public service in Agawam in 1984 when she was appointed to the Agawam Council on Aging. She served on this Board for eight years, eventually being elected Chairperson. She took an active role in the formation of Friends of the Agawam Senior Center, which was incorporated in 1987.

In 1991, Councilor Thompson was first elected to the Agawam City Council. She is presently completing her fourth term in office. Councilor Thompson served as President of the Council in 1995 and 1996.

Councilor Thompson is a registered nurse by profession. She earned her Bachelor's degree in nursing and her Master's degree in nursing administration at the University of Massachusetts/Amherst.

Unit To Be Presented To Fire Dept. ... Thermal Imaging Unit Is Now A Reality In Town Of Agawam

The Agawam Junior Women's Club and the Agawam Fire Department are proud to announce that enough funds have been raised to purchase a "Thermal Imaging Camera" and a monitor.

Through the generosity of the people of Agawam and the surrounding areas, we have met our goal and would like to extend our thanks to the community.

On Thursday, June 24th, at 7:00 p.m., the members of the Agawam Junior Women's Club will make the presentation of the unit to the Agawam Fire Department. We invite all townspeople to join us for this presentation and for an opportunity to view the item that may someday save lives.

Please join us!

The Agawam Junior Women's Club is a member of the General Federation of Women's Club and the General Federation of Women's Club in Massachusetts.

Regular Ag. Town Council Mtg. Agenda For Mon., June 21st

1. Citizen's Speak Time
2. Roll Call
3. Moment of Silence and the pledge of Allegiance
4. Minutes - Regular Council Meeting of 6/7/99
5. Declaration from Council President
6. **Presentation of Petitions, Memorials & Remonstrances**
 - (a) **Resolutions**
 1. TR-99-18-A Resolution Establishing a No Parking Zone on Franklin St. (Mayor).
 2. TR-99-12-A Resolution on Chapter 90 Funding for Local Road Projects (Coun. Thompson).
 3. TR-99-20-A Resolution Adopting an Order of Public Notice for the Pending Assessment of the Cost of the Sanitary Sewer to Provide Service to the Logan Woods Subdivision for the Benefit of the Property(s) Within the Sanitary Sewer Improvement Area of this Sanitary Sewer Project (Mayor).
7. **Report of Council Committees**
 - None.
8. **Elections**
 - None.
9. **Public Hearings**
 - (a)
 1. PH-99-7-(TR-99-17)-A Resolution Adopting the Fiscal Year Annual Operating Budget and the Capital Improvement Program for FY2000-FY2004 for the Town of Agawam (Conduct Public Hearing).
10. **Old Business**
 - (a)
 1. TOR-99-2-An Ordinance to Amend Sec. 49-7 of Ch. 49 of the Code of the Town of Agawam (Mayor's Salary)(Coun. Simpson, Thompson, Negrucci)(3rd Reading).
 2. TOR-99-3-An Ordinance to Amend Sec. 49-7 of Ch. 49 of the Code of the Town of Agawam (City Councilors)(Coun. Simpson, Thompson, Negrucci)(3rd Reading).
 3. TO-99-32-Transfer-\$10,000 from Agawam Municipal Golf Course - Undistributed (65263-55000) to Agawam Municipal Golf Course -Food-Food Service Supplies (65263-522000)(Mayor).
 4. TO-99-33-Application for License for six (6) automatic amusement devices for The Sand Trap at Twin Silos Mall, 1399 Suffield St., Ada., MA
 5. TO-99-34-Transfer-\$25,500 from Wastewater Treatment Carry Over (22549-56600) to Logan Woods Sewer Connection (Mayor).

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TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Agawam Conservation Commission will hold a public hearing on Thursday, June 24, 1999 at 7:30 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA. The purpose of this hearing will be to hear the petition of Pride Convenience, Inc. for work to be performed at 6 North Westfield Street, subject to the Massachusetts Wetlands Protection Act.

By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
Agawam Conservation Commission

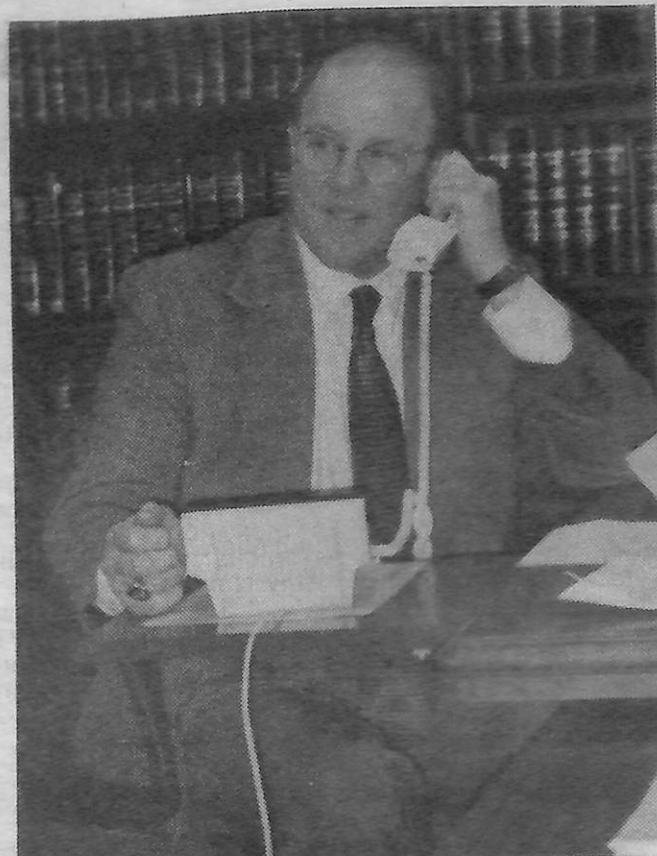
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TOWN OF AGAWAM AGAWAM CONSERVATION COMMISSION

The Agawam Conservation Commission will meet on Thursday, June 24, 1999 at 7:45 PM in the Faolin Peirce Community Room, Agawam Police Station, 681 Springfield Street, Feeding Hills, Mass. The purpose of this meeting will be to hear the Request for Determination of Applicability of Bay State Gas Co. for property located on Walnut Street Ext.

By Order of Henry A. Kozloski, Chairman
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ATTORNEY ANTHONY C. BONAVIDA

Bonavita Announces Candidacy For Council And Names Committee

This week, Anthony C. Bonavita announced his candidacy for Agawam City Council.

Bonavita is 46 years-old and resides at 683 Cooper Street, Agawam, with his wife, Adele, and their two children, Carlo and Franca.

He is a past president and a present member of the Agawam Lions' Club; the vice chairperson on the Zoning Task Force; a former youth basketball and soccer coach; and a member of Agawam's Italian Sister City Commission.

Both of his children are graduates of Agawam High School. Carlo will be starting his third year of college in the fall, and Franca will be an incoming college freshman.

An Attorney, Bonavita has a Law office at 55 State Street, Springfield, MA.

Bonavita stated, "I am excited about running for the Agawam City Council. My desire is to serve our community in a positive and honest manner, listening to the opinions of the voters. Therefore, my qualifications are offered for their consideration."

Furthermore, Bonavita went on to name his campaign committee. He stated, "I am proud to have the following people serving on my campaign committee. They truly care about the future of Agawam."

John O'Brien of Feeding Hills will serve as Chairman, and Bonavita's wife, Adele, will serve as Treasurer. Other members are Raymond Scott, Elaine O'Brien, Edward Kellogg, Mark McCormick, Marie Kellogg, Paul Franco, and Ronald Jean.

His Chairman, John O'Brien, is a provider manager with a Massachusetts insurance company. He has also been active in Agawam youth sports in coaching youth soccer and baseball.

His Treasurer and wife, Adele Bonavita, is employed by Nova Care of Feeding Hills.

Bonavita concluded, "The campaign is just starting. I believe that how a candidate conducts a campaign is indicative of how they will serve their community as a councilor. I will meet the voters in many ways to obtain their input. I will discuss issues and listen to what the voters believe should be addressed. Anyone interested in helping in my campaign can call me at 786-2079."

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— Agawam Obituaries —

Robert J. Baj

Robert J. Baj, 73, of 108 Moore Street, Agawam, died recently at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

He worked at Collins Pipe and Supply Co. in West Springfield for 15 years and retired in 1991. He worked previously at Taylor Rental Co. of Springfield for 12 years.

Born in Hadley, he lived in Amherst before moving to Agawam 49 years ago.

An Army veteran of World War II, he served in the 10th Armored Division in the European Theater in 1944-45. He was later a first sergeant in the Army Reserve at the 309th Field Hospital in Springfield.

A communicant of St. Anthony of Padua Church, he was a eucharist minister, lector, acolyte, and member of the Holy Name Society and Nocturnal Adoration Society.

He was the recording secretary of the Charter 99 Scholarship Fund for the Stigmatine Fathers and received the Father Joseph Massaro Award.

He leaves his wife, the former Norma Montagna; a son, Albert L. of Longmeadow; two daughters, Susan M. Stapleton of Windsor, CT, and Judith J. Davis of West Springfield; two sisters, Josephine Langston of Bakersfield, CA, and Antonia Gougeon of the Florence section of Northampton; and five grandchildren.

Another son, Eugene C., died in 1996.

The funeral was held at Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home and the church, with burial in St. Thomas Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Stigmatine Charter 99 Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 3843, Springfield, MA 01101, or the church at 108 Bridge Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

Leo F. Malanson, Jr.

Leo F. "Moe" Malanson, Jr., 71, of Meadow Street, Agawam, died recently at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

He was a 40-year employee of H.P. Hood Co. and retired as foreman of the shipping and receiving department. He was later a parking lot attendant at the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield.

Born in Clinton, he was raised in Springfield and graduated from the former Trade High School.

He lived in Agawam for 40 years.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II and a member of American Legion Post 185.

He coached in the town's Youth Hockey League, Little League baseball, and men's slow-pitch softball.

He was a member of the Marchegian Club.

He leaves his wife, the former Christine A. DiLullo; four sons, Leo "Lennie" of Feeding Hills and Theodore, Gary, and Michael, all of Agawam; two daughters, Judy Malanson and Virginia Malanson, both of Agawam; his mother, Beatrice Malanson of East Longmeadow; two sisters, Alice Driscoll of East Longmeadow and Anne Scavatto of Westerly, RI; and six grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home and St. John the Evangelist Church, with burial in Center Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the St. Thomas Church School, 75 Pine Street, West Springfield, MA 01089.

Raymond W. Cossin

Raymond W. Cossin, 81, of 11A Castle Hill Road, Agawam, died recently at home.

He was an engineer at United Technologies Corp. and American Bosch Corp. for 50 years and retired in 1986.

Born in Springfield, he was a graduate of the former Technical High School and moved to Agawam in 1995.

He was a member of Sinai Temple and its Brotherhood and a 32nd-degree Mason.

He also belonged to the Esoteric Masonic Lodge, B'nai B'rith, the Jewish Nursing Home of Western Massachusetts, and the Springfield Jewish Community Center and its Silver Foxes and Belles.

He was a volunteer at Baystate Health Systems for many years.

He leaves his wife, the former Barbara Curland; a son, Dr. Jeffrey Cossin of Longmeadow; and three grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Sinai Temple, with burial in Sinai Memorial Park, both in Springfield. Harold R. Ascher & Son Memorial Chapel of Springfield was in charge of the arrangements.

A memorial observance was held at the home of the decedent's wife with evening services.

Memorial contributions may be made to Sinai Temple, 1100 Dickinson Street, Springfield, MA 01108, or the Visiting Nurse Association and Hospice of the Pioneer Valley, P.O. Box 9058, Springfield, MA 01102-9058.

Catherine Binnenkade

Catherine "Marion" (Watson) Binnenkade, 87, of 38C Paul Revere Drive, Feeding Hills, died recently at Noble Hospital in Westfield.

She was a waitress at several area restaurants, including the former Tinti's and Stella's.

Born in Enfield, she lived in Feeding Hills since 1940.

She was a member of the Valley Community Church in Feeding Hills, Golden Age Club Chapter I, and the Senior Center, where she assisted in the ways and means department.

She was a volunteer for many years at Heritage Hall Nursing Home and received certificates for her work.

Her husband, Anthony "Henry" Binnenkade, died in 1984.

She leaves a son, Robert A. of Feeding Hills; two daughters, Marcia Steadman of Ferrisburg, VT, and Joan C. Callahan of Northampton; a brother, Robert Watson of Westfield; nine grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Agawam Funeral Home, with burial in Thompsonville Cemetery, Enfield.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Valley Community Church, 152 South Westfield Street, Feeding Hills, MA 01030, or the American Heart Association, 1111 Elm Street, Suite 9A, West Springfield, MA 01089.

Joseph A. Guilbo

Joseph A. Guilbo, 86, of Agawam, a retired maintenance worker at several Arizona hospitals and nursing homes, died recently at Baystate Medical Center in Springfield.

He had also worked at the former Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co. warehouse, the former Chapman Valve Co., and Fitzgerald Cleaners.

Born and raised in Plattsburgh, New York, he later lived in the Indian Orchard section of Springfield.

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ingfield and other areas of Springfield until moving to Arizona in the 1960's. He moved to Agawam this year.

He leaves his wife of 65 years, the former Nora Macy; a daughter, Audrey Roberts of Agawam; eight grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

The funeral was private, and there were no calling hours. Colonial-Forastiere Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. John the Evangelist Church, 823 Main Street, Agawam, MA 01001.

Rosemarie R. Barbieri

Rosemarie R. (Miraglia) Barbieri, 93, formerly of 110 Edward Street, Agawam, died recently in a local nursing home.

Born in New York City, she lived in Florida and spent most of her life in Agawam.

She was a communicant of St. John the Evangelist Church and a member of its Women's Club.

Her husband, the former Joseph Barbieri, died in 1965. Her son, Robert, died in 1991.

She leaves a daughter, Catherine Chapman of Agawam; seven grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

The funeral was held at Agawam Curran-Jones Funeral Home and the church, with burial in Center Cemetery.

Grace Dorothy Dauphinee Oliver

Grace Oliver, a long-time resident of Corey Colonial, passed away on May 11, 1999, at the age of 87. At the time, she was staying in a New Hampshire nursing home.

Her only child, Kathryn Taylor of West Swanzey, New Hampshire, passed away recently. Surviving are her son-in-law, Stanley Fisher, and five grandsons, all New Hampshire residents.

On May 24th, a service of thanksgiving for her life was held at St. David's Church, where she had been a parishioner for many years. Formerly employed as a business manager for Neuger's Tire Center in Springfield, she retired several years ago.

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Spfld./Chicopee Area To Receive \$419,037 From Training Fund

Senate Majority Leader Linda J. Melconian (D-Springfield) is pleased to announce that four companies recently received grants in the second round of the Workforce Training Fund, an initiative by the Senate last summer.

Smith and Wesson received a training grant of \$35,000, Spaulding Sports Worldwide acquired a training grant of \$170,000, and Springfield Technology Corporation secured a training grant of \$205,595. A technical assistance grant of \$8,442 was also obtained by Holyoke Community College/Springfield Wire.

"An educated and dedicated workforce that is both flexible and able to master new skills will be invaluable to employers in the upcoming millennium," states Melconian. "That is why the Senate pushed so hard last year to create an \$18 million annual fund to specifically address the needs of both employees and employers."

The fund provides training grants of between \$5,000 and \$250,000 and technical grants of between \$5,000 and \$50,000 to successful applicants. These grants are available to all employers, labor organizations, and other worker organizations to be used for various projects.

Smith and Wesson will use its grants to upgrade the skills of its 785-person workforce, teaching math, English, and basic machine skills. Spaulding Sports Worldwide will improve the

abilities of its 985-person workforce through Microsoft PC training, SAP software, and Enterprise Wide Resource Planning. SpringBoard Technology Corporation, with its 83 trainees, will focus on troubleshooting skills, analytical system skills, and equipment training. Meanwhile, Holyoke Community College will identify employees in need of ESL training, test reading comprehension and listening comprehension, and evaluate oral communication skills. The results will then be analyzed and used to develop a successful training plan.

In the first two rounds of funding, 22 Western Massachusetts organizations received almost \$1.21 million from the fund. More than \$4.75 million has already been awarded in these two rounds. Recipients ranged from educational institutions like Holyoke Community College to electronic commerce companies like Shinewire Products, Inc. to athletic equipment manufacturers like Spaulding.

"I strongly urge every business, labor organization, and other qualified body to apply for this program. It is a wonderful opportunity that should be fully embraced," said Melconian. "Applications for the third round of grants are due July 15, 1999. Please contact my office if you need any assistance with this process."

Cultural Council Announces Grant Recipients For '98-'99 School Year

The Agawam Public Schools were the recipients of several grants funded by the Agawam Cultural Council and the Massachusetts Cultural Council for the 1998-1999 school year. All programs were enrichment programs the students would not have been able to attend without the Cultural Council funding.

Springfield Symphony programs were attended by the Benjamin Phelps School, James Clark School, and Robinson Park School. Other programs at Symphony Hall were seen by the Agawam Junior High School and Robinson Park School.

Robinson Park School and Granger School also attended programs at the Springfield Science Museum, the George Walter Vincent Smith Museum, and the Holyoke Children's Museum.

Granger School also had the opportunity to

have the Star Lab from the Boston Science Museum visit the school so that all the students could take advantage of the Star Lab Program.

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The Agawam Cultural Council uses one-third of the Cultural Grant funds to benefit Agawam Public School students. The Council would like to be able to increase its contribution to the students of our schools.

In order to do this, the Council is planning to hold a fundraising concert on October 29th at Storowton given by the well-known pianist, Paul Bisaccia. Further information on the concert and ticket sales will be forthcoming.

The Council is hoping that the townspeople will support this event to make available the many enrichment programs in the area for Agawam school students.

Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you for your cooperation in this matter...

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Polish Genealogical Society To Meet On Thursday, June 24th

On Thursday, June 24th at 6:30 p.m., the Polish Genealogical Society (PGS) of Massachusetts will meet at Forbes Library, West St., Northampton.

Reference Librarian and Genealogical expert Mrs. Elise Feeley will speak on "Library Resources for Genealogy Online & Print," discussing genealogical search techniques, demonstrate the use of computers for genealogy, using World Wide Web, Polish WEB sites, and new methods of information transfer.

A question/answer period follows. Free admission and open to the public, so bring your research problems and a friend.

(Directions: Proceed to intersection of Rtes. 5/10 and 9 in the center of Northampton. Go north on Route 9 and left at Smith College onto West St. Forbes Library is directly on the left.)

Any questions? Contact John Skibiski at (413) 586-1827, Fred Zimnoch at (413) 586-1522, or Janice Bonk at (413) 786-4297.

Jimmy Fund Tag Sale Scheduled At Stop & Shop In Feeding Hills

A Jimmy Fund Tag Sale will be held at Stop & Shop in Feeding Hills on Saturday, June 19th, from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

All proceeds from the space rental fees will be donated to the Jimmy Fund.

Join us for a fun free day and help fight cancer in children.

Troop 82 Slates Car Wash And Bottle Drive

If you missed last week's bottle drive for Cub Scout Pack 77, no problem! Boy Scout Troop 82 is having one this week.

From 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, June 19th, the Scouts will be at the Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam, to collect your bottles and cans. They will also be ready, willing, and able to wash your car, so you can drive away in a sparkling clean vehicle.

If you are unable to get your bottles and cans to us on the 19th, please call Phil Thomas at 786-9896 to arrange for pick-up. All proceeds to benefit Boy Scout Troop 82.

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DAVID DRUGAN AND BETH ANNE LACIENSKI

Beth Anne Lacienski Engaged To Wed David Drugan

Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Lacienski of Feeding Hills announce the engagement of their daughter, Beth Anne, to David Drugan, the son of Mr. & Mrs. Mark Drugan of West Springfield.

Beth is a 1994 graduate of Agawam High School, as well as a 1999 graduate of Westfield State College with a degree in Criminal Justice. She is employed as a dance instructor at Dancer's Image in Westfield and West Side Dance Center in West Springfield. This summer, Beth will perform in and choreograph the shows at Riverside Park.

David is a 1993 graduate of West Springfield High School, as well as a 1998 graduate of Westfield State College with a degree in English. He is employed as a manager at the Best Western Sovereign Hotel and Conference Center in West Springfield.

The couple is planning an August 2000 wedding.

TOASTMASTERS Meet In Agawam

Agawam/West Side TOASTMASTERS, a club which promotes better communication and speaking skills, meets every second and fourth Thursday of each month, from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m., in the meeting room of Country Estates, 1200 Suffolk Street, Agawam.

The public is invited to attend for free.

For more information, call Jim, 789-2925, or Richard, 786-0887.

Heritage Hall North To Sponsor "Tag Sale" On June 19th

Heritage Hall North Nursing Home at 55 Cooper Street, Agawam, will be sponsoring a "Tag Sale" on Saturday, June 19th, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on the front porch, rain or shine.

Proceeds from this event will be used to benefit the Resident Council Fund.

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Douglas Bodman Of Agawam Receives Union Award From Western MassCOSH

by Kathy Shepard
Advertiser News Feature Writer

May 20th was "A Night For Celebration" for the members of Western MassCOSH (Coalition for Occupational Safety and Health). An Awards Dinner at the Holiday Inn in Holyoke was given to recognize the 100-plus union locals which support and interact with the staff at Western MassCOSH.

Thousands of workers have participated in MassCOSH training and educational programs, benefitting from Western MassCOSH services and becoming involved in the organization's political action activities. Always at the top of the list of priorities are the health and safety of the people who perform jobs, most of which entail some kind of occupational risk.

Often, these risks can be mitigated through on-the-job training, use of personal protective equipment, and availability of material handling and material safety data.

Douglas Bodman, who has lived in Agawam for most of his life, is president of the Massachusetts Pioneer Valley Building and Construction Trades Council, and was instrumental in the negotiations of the safety program between the Berkshire Power Plant and their general contractor, Black and Veatch, for the work they did at the Berkshire Power site on Moylan Lane. This safety program has now become a model for the entire country! So it is not hard to understand why Bodman was the recipient of choice for the "Union Activism Award."

Bodman feels that his commitment to negotiating an excellent safety program between Black and Veatch and Berkshire Power was one reason for his being selected for the award. The Berkshire Power Construction Site earned a Safety Award from O.S.H.A., the federal organization known as Occupational Safety and Health Administration, and were the first in the country to receive such an award.

Agawam Advertiser's News Editor Kathy Cassanelli reported on this event in our April 8, 1999 issue, pointing out that "the local trade union members and the construction management at the Berkshire Power construction site ... earned the highest honor given by the United States Department of Labor for their efforts."

First Short-Term Project To Be Honored

This award is called the Occupational Safety and Health Administration Voluntary Protection Program Short-Term Construction Demonstration Award. It was the first time a short-term construction project received this award (short-term means "under two years"). It zeroed in on the ex-



DOUGLAS BODMAN holds his Union Activism Award as he stands in the lobby of the Western MassCOSH office building. Bodman received the award at a recently held Awards Dinner at the Holiday Inn in Holyoke.

cellence of the "safety and health programs implemented on the site." Berkshire Power General Manager Frank Basile credited the craftspeople with a meticulous safety program, congratulating them for their recognition and honor from O.S.H.A. as well.

Bodman also felt that he was the choice for the Union Activism Award because of his participation in Western MassCOSH programs, such as the Asbestos Programs and the Hazardous Substances Programs, for worker safety and health. Another important way in which Western MassCOSH can help workers is with substance abuse programs, and Bodman has made this option available for workers, as well. He supports legislation on state and local levels for worker

safety.

"The construction industry accounts for six percent of the workforce, but 17 percent of the fatalities on the job come from the construction field," Bodman explains.

The Union Activism Award summarizes, "Strong advocacy of worker health and safety on behalf of its members and all working people." Bodman clarified that the Safety Program he helped negotiate required "safety training that was provided for on-the-job drug and alcohol testing, regular physicals, and weekly refresher training courses. We set very high standards: the safety program we negotiated far exceeds even those of the Occupational Safety and Health Act's Code of Federal Regulations. We had to demonstrate, through inspections and other visits to the job site several times over the course of the construction, that we followed through."

Bodman is on Agawam's Town Democratic Committee and is a former president of that committee. He is now on the State Democratic Committee. He has helped out in many fundraising events and other group events in town. One of his favorites is "D.A.D.'s Day." (D.A.D.'s - Dollars Against Diabetes.)

To honor Father's Day, he and the other dads stand on street corners or in front of banks, post offices, or other edifices, and collect money for Diabetes research. D.A.D.'s Day is coming up on Saturday, June 19, 1999. "The Pioneer Valley group came in 11th in the country last year, raising \$20,000, but, of course, our goal is to become first," Bodman says. "We have been in the top 10 before, and one year we tied with Las Vegas for first."

Bodman is also planning a golf tournament to raise money for Diabetes research, and he makes certain to point out that, "We always beat Boston ... the main goal," he chuckles.

Bodman also believes that the Union Activism Award reflects the fact that he has provided training for OSHA instructors and training for Red Cross CPR instructors. "We loan such instructors out to other companies, to Western MassCOSH, or to other trade unions," he says. "This helps everyone to consistently improve in the areas of safety and health in the workplace."

There are currently over 20 local unions that are dues-paying members of professionals which advocates, among other things, adherence to health and safety regulations in the workplace on the parts of both the worker and the employer.

For photo coverage in The AAN, please contact photographer Jack Devine at 789-0053.



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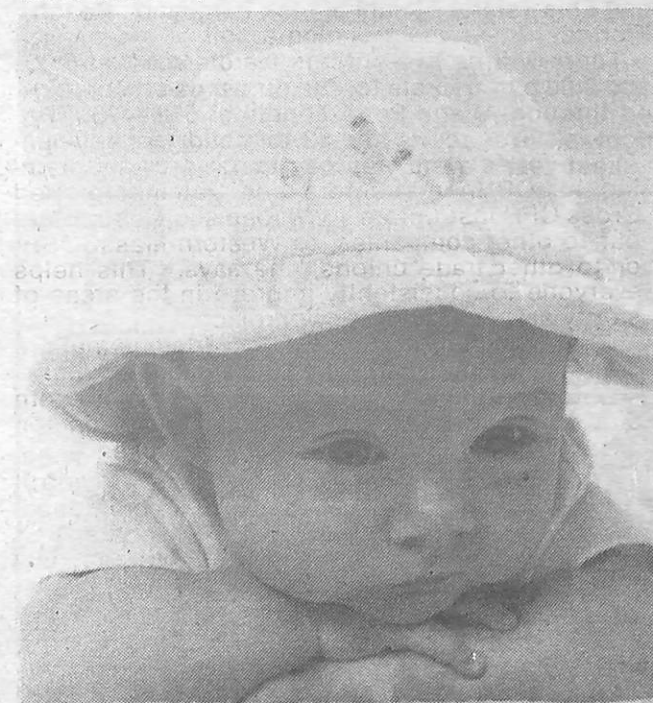
Scott And Donna Henderson Announce Birth Of Daughter

Scott and Donna Henderson (Samarel) of Hamden, Connecticut are pleased and proud to announce the birth of their daughter, Olivia Grace Henderson.

She was born March 20, 1999 at 4:55 p.m. She weighed seven pounds, 13 ounces and was 21 inches long. The first child and grandchild for all. She was baptized at Valley Community Church in Feeding Hills on May 16th.

Olivia's grandparents are Diana Henderson of Agawam and Nelda and Jake Samarel of Red Bank, New Jersey.

Her great-grandparents are Angeline Choiniere of Agawam, Bea Herman of Florida, and Faye and Mike Samarel, also of Florida.



JENNA ASHLEY MATUZA

The Matuza Family Announces Birth Of Daughter, Jenna A.

John and Ellen Matuza would like to announce the birth of their first child, Jenna Ashley.

Jenna was born on February 8, 1999. She weighed in at five pounds, three ounces, and was 19 inches long.

The proud grandparents are Paul and Jackie Kelley of Agawam, and Erwin and Hope Matuza of Omaha, Nebraska. The great-grandmother is Adele Matuza, also of Omaha.

"Benefit Dinner" For Sportsmens Land Trust

A "Benefit Dinner" for the Sportsmens Land Trust will be held on June 26th at the Tunxis Club in Tolland, MA.

The evening includes a buffet dinner and a slide show, as well as a raffle and silent auctions. The Sportsmens Land Trust is a nonprofit organization dedicated to conservation and improvement of wildlife habitat in the region.

Proceeds will go toward preservation of open space for public use. Tickets are \$20 per person. Tickets and additional information can be obtained by calling the Sportsmens Land Trust at 786-8121.

Agawam's AARP Installation Banquet Set For June 28th

The Agawam chapter of AARP will be having its annual installation banquet on Monday, June 28th, beginning at 12:00 noon at The Pond House, 1422 Main Street, Agawam.

AARP members are invited to attend, and new members are always welcome. Reservations must be made by June 18th by calling President Ollie Muldrew at 786-0075.

If time allows following the luncheon, a video program will be shown at the Senior Center concerning diabetes. The video is provided by AARP national and is 30 minutes long.

(REMINDER: There will be no AARP meetings scheduled for July and August.)

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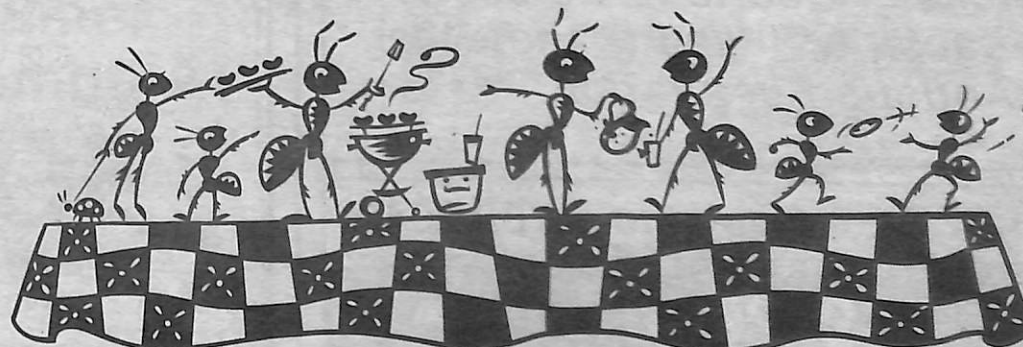
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Home Instead Senior Care To Open New Office In Agawam

Home Instead Senior Care, serving Hampshire and northern Hampden County for 18 months, is opening a new office in Agawam to serve Hampden County.

Home Instead Senior Care is the area's leading provider of non-medical companionship and home care services for the elderly. The company's services include companionship, meal preparation, light housework, laundry, errands, and incidental transportation.

"We have received many requests at our Southamptton office for expanded service throughout the entire Hampden County area. This new office in Agawam can help fill the needs of the elderly throughout a greatly expanded service area," said Elizabeth Veillette, the company's owner.

Home Instead Senior Care was founded to meet these needs of struggling families. With the help of Home Instead, family caregivers can get relief from the daily rigors of caregiving. In total, Home Instead Senior Care provides 75 different non-medical companionship and home helper services. All caregivers are carefully screened, bonded and insured, and have passed a thorough criminal background check.

Services are available from a few hours to 24 hours a day. Short-term assistance or longer-term care is available seven days a week, including holidays.

The company's rapid growth is proof of the important role Home Instead plays in helping families. The management and caregivers employed by Home Instead Senior Care are committed to providing caring, personalized services to the elderly in both counties.

The new office is located at South End Bridge Circle in Agawam, and can be reached at (413) 786-1555 and ask to speak to Carolyn.

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Angie Nicora Celebrates Her 90th Birthday...



ON JUNE 1ST, Chester and Barbara Nicora hosted a brunch for Angie Nicora to celebrate her 90th birthday. Angie is a lifelong resident of Agawam and has been retired over 25 years from the United States Envelope Co. of Springfield. Front row: Angie with great-grandson Joe Labun and great-granddaughter Nicole Labun. Middle row: great-grandson Douglas Labun and granddaughter Kathy Labun. Back row: great-granddaughter Mikaela Nicora being held by granddaughter Gina Bousquet, and grandson Michael Nicora holding great-grandson Dominic Nicora.

Al Tonelli To Cook Benefit Supper For Disabled Grandchild

Al Tonelli, former owner and head chef of the well-known Tonelli's Little River Inn in Westfield, will be serving (along with family and friends) a benefit supper of Chicken & Spaghetti a la Tonelli at Grace Lutheran Church on Saturday, June 19th.

The church is located at 1552 West Springfield (Route 20) in West Springfield (phone number 734-9268), and this supper will be held for Tonelli's grandson, Jonathan Tonelli-Raylove.

Jonathan was a victim of a near-drowning acci-

dent and continues to receive 24-hour care. Although baptized at Grace Lutheran Church, he lives with his mother, Edith, his father, Robert, and his sister, Alanna, in Pampano Beach, Florida.

There will be two sittings for the meal at 5:00 and 7:00 p.m. Tickets for the dinner can be obtained through Al and Pearl Tonelli at 568-8473. The cost is \$7 for adults and \$3 for children.

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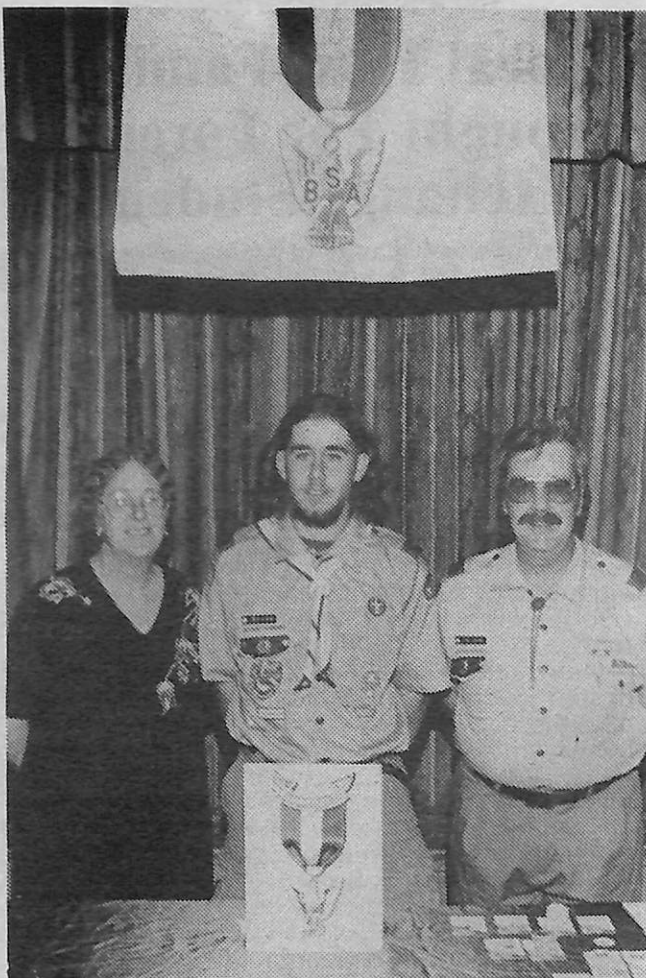


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IN LEFT PHOTO: Eagle Scout Tom Shibley (second from left) with his parents, Donna and Ed Shibley, and brother, Alex. IN RIGHT PHOTO: Eagle Scout Ken Shaw (center) with his parents, Betty and Jim. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



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Troop 82 Holds Court Of Honor Banquet At Agawam Congregational Church

On Sunday, June 6th, Troop 82 held a Court of Honor banquet at the Agawam Congregational Church. The achievements of two Eagle Scouts were also honored. These scouts were Kenneth J. Shaw and Thomas J. Shibley.

The Eagle award is the highest and most coveted rank in Scouting, the last major step in the advancement program. Fewer than two percent of all scouts in the United States reach the Eagle rank.

To reach the Eagle rank, there are a number of requirements which must be reached before the scout's 18th birthday. The scout must earn a total of 21 merit badges, which consist of 12 required badges and nine elective badges. The scout must serve in an active position of leadership within his troop for a period of at least six months after becoming a Life scout.

The scout must plan, develop, and carry out a service project worthy of an Eagle scout. Finally,

the scout must appear in front of a board of review consisting of prominent persons and prove to them that the scout is worthy of the Eagle rank.

Ken Shaw's service project consisted of renovating a hallway at First Park Memorial Baptist Church in Springfield. This project took 206 hours of total labor. A new floor, walls, ceiling, and lights were put in the church, along with the painting of the hallway.

Tom Shibley's service project was the reconstruction of a large stream-crossing footbridge at Robinson State Park. This project took over 80 hours to complete. The existing bridge was completely removed and a new one was built in its place.

Congratulations to both boys and a sincere thank-you is wished to all the individuals who helped them on their path towards their Eagle rank.

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Kathryn M. McCarthy Becomes Bride Of Christopher D. Roy

On Saturday, May 15, 1999, Kathryn Marie McCarthy and Christopher David Roy were united in matrimony at Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills. A wedding reception followed at the Yankee Pedlar Inn in Holyoke, and the couple honeymooned in Jamaica.

The parents of the bride are Eleanor McCarthy of 180 James Street, Feeding Hills, and James McCarthy of 22 Feeding Hills Road, Westfield. Annette and Norman Roy of 34 Forge Street, Feeding Hills, are the parents of the groom.

Karen McCarthy, sister of the bride, served as the maid of honor. Jeffrey Braiewa was the best man.

The bride is a 1992 graduate of Agawam High School and a 1996 graduate of Syracuse University in Syracuse, New York, with a Bachelor of Science in Broadcast Journalism. She is currently employed as a radio news anchor for Metro Networks of Hartford, CT.

The groom, also a 1992 graduate of Agawam High School, received a Bachelor of Science in Environmental Engineering in 1996 from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute in Troy, New York. He is presently employed as an environmental engineer and consultant for HRP Associates in Plainville, CT.

The couple resides in New Britain, CT.

"Miss Agawam Pageant" Set For Wednesday, June 23rd

The 12th Annual "Miss Agawam Pageant" will be held next Wednesday, June 23rd. This year's pageant will take place at The Oaks banquet facility, Suffield Street, Agawam.

The talent portion of the evening will begin at 6:00 p.m., the pageant segment will start at 7:00 p.m.

Admission is \$6 for adults, and \$5 for students (proper ID is required).

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VIRGINIA AND ROLAND SWANSON

Roland and Virginia Swanson To Celebrate Their 50th Anniversary

Roland and Virginia Swanson, formerly of Feeding Hills, will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on Sunday, June 20th. A celebration will take place in Colfax, North Carolina, given by their children and grandchildren.

Roland and Virginia Swanson were married on June 25, 1949 at the Agawam Congregational Church. In 1966, Roland, Virginia, and their two sons, Norman and James, moved to Greensboro, North Carolina, where they still reside.

COA To Offer Golf Lessons Beginning On Wednesday, June 23rd

The Agawam Council On Aging will be offering golf lessons beginning on Wednesday, June 23rd, at 8:30 a.m. at Mushy's Driving Range, 369 Main Street, Agawam.

The cost for six consecutive lessons will be \$60 (payable in advance).

Class A teaching professional Susan Teitel will conduct the lessons. Preregistration is required.

To register or for more information, call the Agawam Senior Center at 786-0400, ext. 242.

Local Host Families Sought For Foreign Exchange Students

The Agawam Chapter of American Intercultural Programs (AFS) is currently seeking families to host exchange students who will be seniors at Agawam High School during the 1999-2000 school year.

The students arrive in mid-August and hail from countries from all over the world. Currently, there are five AFS students at AHS representing the countries of the Czech Republic, Brazil, Belgium, Germany, and Chile for the 1998-1999 school year.

AFS is the largest student exchange program in the USA. Agawam AFS is celebrating its 25th anniversary in 1999. The AFS Community Chapter includes 15 active board members and a faculty advisor at AHS, Mary Ellen Bruce, a member of the foreign language department at the school.

Many families in Agawam have successfully hosted exchange students through Agawam AFS over the past 25 years and have formed lifetime bonds with their "new family member." Many former Agawam AFS exchange students have returned to our community to visit over the years, and many of our Agawam host families have traveled abroad to visit their former host student in their respective country.

If you are interested in hosting an exchange student through AFS, or are interested in more information about AFS, call Family Selection Committee co-chairpersons Debbie & Craig Struck at 786-6760, faculty advisor Mary Ellen Bruce at Agawam High School, 821-0530 (weekdays), or chapter president Ric Sardella at 786-7747 (days) or 789-2005 (nights).

Agawam Public Mkt. Announces Winners Of "Scholarship Cash"

Agawam Public Market is pleased to announce the winners of their recent Milk Mustache \$500 "Scholarship Cash" Sweepstakes.

Developed in partnership with milk and the popular Milk Mustache Campaign, Agawam Public Market's sweepstakes promoted milk and the importance of education by offering shoppers a chance to win two \$500 "Scholarship Cash" checks in January 1999.

Congratulations to Joanne Lamson and Jennifer Niedziela, Agawam Public Market shoppers who were chosen at random from all eligible entries.

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Nominations Sought For Annual Andrew Gallano Award

The Andrew Gallano Award Committee is again seeking nominations for its annual award, which is given for meritorious and distinguished service to elders and is presented by the Agawam Council on Aging each year at the ACOA/Friends Annual Dinner in October.

The criteria for selection of the recipient will include, but not be limited to, the following:

- * Active involvement on committees or in activities which are related to the issues/needs of the elderly citizens of Agawam.

- * Advocates for the needs of the elderly citizens of Agawam.

- * Supports issues related to the elderly citizens of Agawam.

- * Demonstrates the above in a consistent manner over time.

To nominate an individual for this prestigious award, fill out a sheet of paper with the following information: the nominee's name, address, and the date on which you are submitting this information.

In addition, please explain why this person should receive the Andrew Gallano Award for his/her work or service to the elders of Agawam.

Then, at the bottom of the sheet, please put your name and phone number (this information, however, is not necessary and if given, will be kept confidential). When completed, send this sheet of paper to: **The Andrew Gallano Award Committee, c/o The Council on Aging, 68 Meadowbrook Manor, Agawam, MA 01001-3128.**

Please be sure to send this nomination to the above address **no later than September 15, 1998.**

The committee wishes to thank you for your time and effort. It is greatly appreciated.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact Janice Bonk, COA Secretary, at 786-4297. Forms can also be acquired from Joan Linnehan at the Agawam Senior Center. Thanks!

Robert And Beth Smith Are Proud Parents Of Twins

Robert and Beth (Couture) Smith of Granby, Connecticut are pleased to announce the birth of twin daughters, Shelby Marie & Alyson Nicole.

The babies' mother is a former resident of Agawam.

The babies were born May 16, 1999 at St. Francis Hospital and Medical Center in Hartford.

Maternal grandmother is Judith Lane of Feeding Hills. Paternal grandmother is Bertha Werth of Granby.

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Church News

Father Kenneth J. Tatro Bids Farewell To Sacred Heart Parish In Feeding Hills

by Kathy Shepard
Advertiser News Feature Writer

The Reverend Kenneth J. Tatro, parish priest of Sacred Heart Church in Feeding Hills for seven years, will be leaving to accept a different assignment at St. Mary's Church in Westfield. Father Tatro has served his appointment as Pastor of Sacred Heart for seven years, and there were 2½ years prior to that time that he served as an associate at Sacred Heart. In between, he was on a special assignment in Shelburne Falls at St. Joseph's Church.

The transition to St. Mary's in Westfield will be somewhat difficult for Father Tatro, and it will certainly call for many adjustments on the part of the Sacred Heart parish, including the people in his ministry.

The Most Reverend Bishop Thomas Dupre assigned Father Tatro to St. Mary's Church as pastor because Father Anthony Creane from that parish is retiring after 21 years.

Largest Parish In The Diocese

St. Mary's Parish is the largest in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Springfield, covering four counties of Western Massachusetts. St. Mary's represents "quite a challenge" to Father Tatro. He described its large upstairs church, an equally large downstairs church, a rectory, and a convent, half of which is the Parish Center.

The convent is the residence of religious sisters of St. Joseph. St. Mary's also has a grammar school, with grades K-8 and its own parish high school, with grades nine-12. There is also a large cemetery.

St. Mary's is distinguished as a territorial church. "Our structure as Catholics uses a system of territorial or national parishes. An example of national would be a church with an ethnic orientation. A territorial parish focuses on a geographic area. Agawam, for example, has two territorial churches - St. John's and Sacred Heart. It happens that in Agawam, there are two national churches, as well: St. Theresa's geared to people of French bloodlines; and St. Anthony's of Padua, oriented to the Italian heritage.

"St. Mary's encompasses people who live to the west of West Springfield, northwest of Agawam, north of Southwick, south of the Westfield River, and to the east of Russell," Father Tatro explained.

"It is with a heavy heart that I leave Agawam, because for the last 10 years it has been like a second home to me," he admitted.

Father Tatro comes from a large family from the Springfield area and has become very accustomed to the area that goes with the Sacred Heart parish. "Part of our nature as Diocesan priests is to live in the community and with the people who we are called to serve. Some wonderful friendships have personally come about for me because of this. It makes leaving more difficult than a simple change of jobs.

"But the assignment comes at a good time in my life. I have been a priest for 23 years and am in the middle of life and priesthood. This is an exciting and challenging change, as I look forward to having a Catholic grammar school and high school."

Reflecting on some of the special parts of priesthood, Father Tatro offered, "Being a priest, people invite you to share in some privileged moments in their lives, even though they don't know you. Being included in special moments such as marriages, births, even illnesses and deaths, is where our best work comes.

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FATHER KENNETH J. TATRO

Treasured Moments Of Priesthood

"These are the treasured moments of priesthood, in these quiet moments of people's lives. People's willingness to open themselves to the gift of God's healing make being a priest a wonderful vocation. I would not want to be anything other than a priest."

Father Tatro added, "Yes, we have to make sacrifices. We don't marry and we have no immediate family of our own. But the people of a parish become the priest's extended family. There are just so many people who have touched my life and I feel sure I have touched theirs. I just hope people are a little bit closer to God because of the time I have been here or because of something

that I have done during these years at Sacred Heart."

The people of Sacred Heart have been accepting of one of Father Tatro's hallmarks, the notion or theme of collaborative ministry. "As I see it, there is enough work for everybody and we all contribute, orchestrating our talents for the good of all people in the parish. We have a female pastoral minister, a permanent married deacon, James Martone, and a married woman as religious education director, Mrs. Kathryn Patterson. It is a great blessing that 'we are all in this together.'"

Sister Eileen told us that she will miss Father Tatro because he has a strong warmth and has encouraged this collaborative ministry. She has felt very much a part of the ceremonies and parish responsibilities. "He has been a wonderful person to work with and has shared his ministry. Sacred Heart is a very large parish, therefore, Father Tatro allowed me and Deacon Martone to play an active role in whatever he did. He allowed an openness that has been good for people. We worked as a team."

When Sacred Heart Church approached its 50th anniversary, a parish tradition was begun of having a parish picnic and outdoor Mass. This event will include, this year, a receiving line for people to bid their farewells, and best wishes to Father Tatro. And, of course, he will have many wishes for his parishioners, as well.

The picnic and Mass will be on Saturday, June 19th at 4:00 p.m. on the church grounds. This is open to the public. Sister Eileen said to bring a light chair. The picnic will begin at 5:00 p.m. and go to 7:30 p.m. There will be hotdogs, hamburgs, cookies, cake, popcorn, and more.

There will be a D.J., a magician, games put on by the Sacred Heart Athletic Association (something that has grown by leaps and bounds under Father Tatro's guidance!), a hay wagon, and fun for kids and adults. The Parish Picnic Committee worked to put this event together. The picnic and the reception for Father Tatro will be two very special occasions wrapped in one. The receiving line for Father starts at 5:30 and will be ongoing until 7:30.

Father Tatro's successor will be the Reverend Ronald F. Sadlowski, the former pastor of Sacred Heart Church in Easthampton. Father Tatro believes that Father Sadlowski will receive a warm welcome from the parish community at Sacred Heart in Feeding Hills.

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Good-Bye, Fr. Tatro...



FATHER KENNETH J. TATRO with Sister Eileen Sullivan. This Saturday, June 19th, Sacred Heart Church's outdoor Mass and parish picnic will include a receiving line to bid farewell and offer best wishes to Father Tatro.

Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

Weekly Calendar From Ag. Congregational

This Sunday, June 20th, is the Fourth Sunday after Pentecost. This week, the Summer Schedule begins. The Worship Service will be at 9:30 a.m. at Agawam Congregational Church, 745 Main Street, Agawam.

The fifth- and sixth-grade youth of the church will lead and participate in the service.

Rev. Fuller's Sermon will be, "A Father's Faith," taken from Text: Matthew 10:18-26. His Children's Message will be, "Giving Good Gifts," taken from Matthew 7:7-11.

Summer Church School continues and will be immediately following the Children's Message.

Join us for a special Father's Day service. Following the service, to honor Father's Day, all will be treated to a sundae (including sugar-free) provided by the Friendship Committee. They will be served in Bryan Hall during the Coffee Hour.

Men's Prayer Time is held weekly on Tuesdays at 7:45 a.m. This half-hour includes a devotional reading, prayer, and a time of refreshments and fellowships.

All are welcome to this very special time. For more information, contact Rev. Fuller at 786-7111.

Vacation Bible Camp is planned for July 26th through July 30th. This year's theme is "Dinosaur Digs," and it will be held from 9:00 to 11:30 a.m.

Children ages two through the sixth grade are welcome to attend. To register your child, you may call the church office at 786-7111.

All Church/After Church/Sunday Baseball Bus Trip: Join us on Sunday, August 1st (after church), for a bus trip down to Norwich, CT, to see the Norwich Navigators versus the Portland Sea Dogs.

The four-pack includes four tickets, four hot dogs, four sodas, four bags of chips, and the bus ride. All this for only \$40!

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For more information concerning any of our events, please call the church office at 786-7111.

Father's Day Pancake Breakfast Slated At First Baptist Church Of Agawam

The youth and youth leaders of First Baptist Church of Agawam will sponsor a Father's Day pancake breakfast this Sunday morning, June 20th, from 8:00 to 9:00 a.m. preceding morning worship.

There will be an opportunity to donate a cash gift to the youth for their ongoing programs.

Following the breakfast, worship begins at 9:30 a.m. Rev. Frank Knight, retired pastor of First Park Memorial Baptist Church of Springfield, will be the guest speaker.

Rev. Knight will speak on "God, The Father." He will use Luke 2: 41-43 as his scriptural text. The responsive reader leader will be Norman Berthiaume.

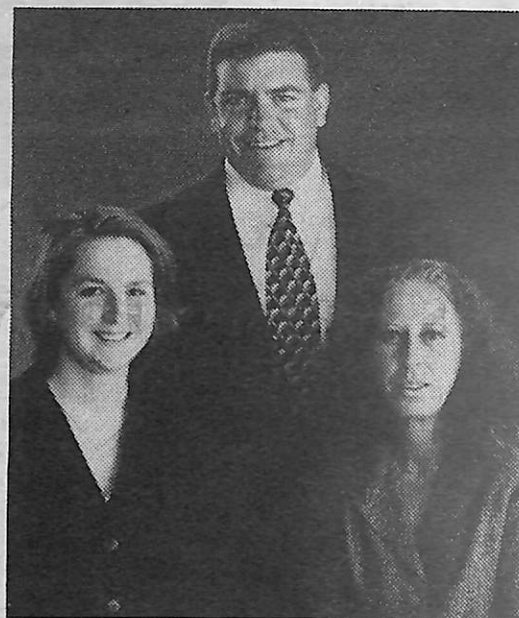
Coffee and conversation will be held in Davis Hall directly after morning worship.

You are always welcome at the First Baptist Church services. The church is located on the corner of Main and Elm Streets in Agawam, is an American Baptist Church, and is a member of The American Baptist Churches of Massachusetts and American Baptist Churches/USA.

This Saturday, June 19th, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., there will be a car wash in the church parking lot. Once again, you will have an opportunity to support our young people and have your car sparkling clean for the weekend.

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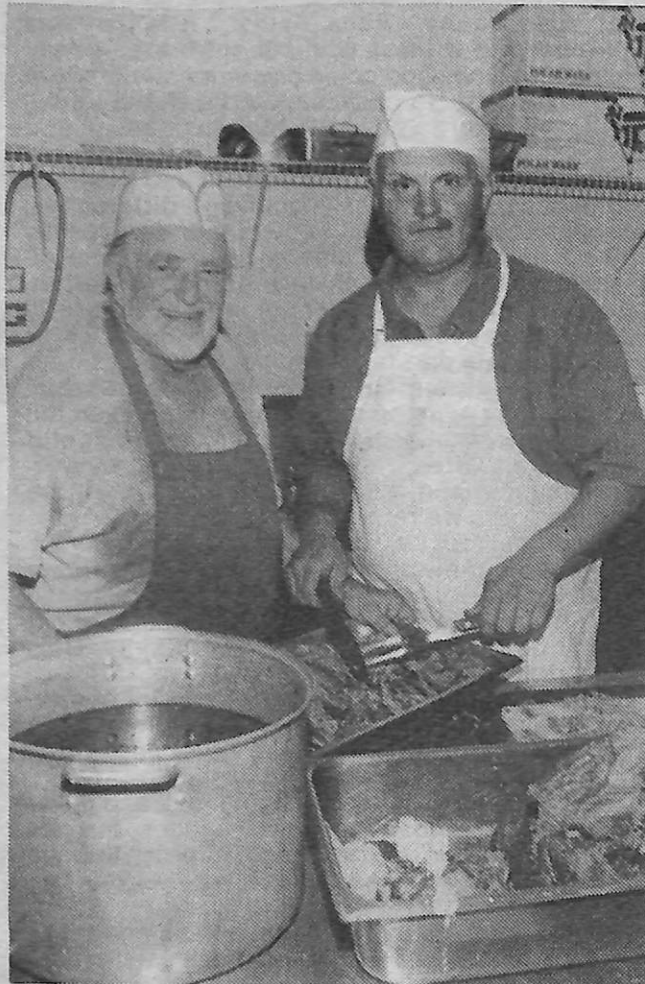
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Pot Roast Supper At St. David's Church



TO SATISFY THE HEARTY APPETITES of its parishioners, St. David's Episcopal Church in Feeding Hills held a pot roast supper earlier this month. From left to right: Wayne & Ann Macey and Agnes Delucchi are enjoying their meals; "Chefs" Ken Barrepski and Phil Machos; and kitchen volunteer Maureen Busacca. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

Vacation Bible School Coming To St. Mary's Parish In Westfield

St. Mary's Parish in Westfield is offering a Vacation Bible School for children in kindergarten through grade four. The school will be held daily from 9:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. starting July 26th and ending July 30th.

Through a grant from the Shurtleff Foundation, the fee is reduced to \$25 per child. No child will be excluded because of inability to pay.

We will pray, have Bible stories, related educational activities, arts and crafts, music, and a snack will be provided. To register, please call Lori at the Development Office, 86 Mechanic

Street, Westfield, at 568-1160.

We need your help! Teachers for classroom, arts and crafts, and music are needed, as well as junior counselors (youth from grade five through high school). If you can help out in any way, please contact Lori at 568-1160.

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Faith Bible Church Hosting Seminar

Faith Bible Church, located at 370 Shoemaker Lane, Agawam, is now hosting a 52-week series seminar entitled "The End Times."

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Psalm 139

Where can I go from
Your Spirit? Or where
can I flee from Your
presence?
--Psalm 139:7

Francis Thompson wrote a gripping poem that he called "The Hound of Heaven." It reflected the torture of his life during the years he was running from God. At one time he had intended to be a priest but was deemed unqualified. Then he turned to his father's medical profession but failed again. Angry and bitter, Thompson gave up on God.

From 1885 to 1888 he lived the life of a derelict on the streets of London, suffering the agony of an opium habit. Finally some friends snatched him from the pit of death and brought him to the God he had dreaded. Thompson was gloriously converted.

His poem is his testimony. As the hound pursues the hare, ever drawing nearer in the chase, so God pursues the fleeing soul.

No matter how far you've run from God, the "Hound of Heaven" is still chasing you. Just when you think you've eluded Him, you'll discover that He's still there. David, who wrote Psalm 139, knew he could not flee from God's presence.

We sense His presence everywhere. It may be through the patience of a spouse, or the warm embrace of a friend when we expected to be shunned. But God is there.

It's tiring to run from God. Perhaps you sense that He's pursuing you. If you do, it's time to stop running. —HWR

Relentless quest, this race for happiness;

Vain footsteps echo 'gainst a hollow soul;

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A Father's Day Message...

In the Bible, there are many names for God. By one count, there are at least 20 different names God was known by in the Old Testament.

Many of them built upon the unpronounceable name of God, YHWH, which means "The self-existent One," or also "I am who I am." (Some people considered God's name to be too holy to be spoken by human lips, hence the unpronounceable rendering. They would pause, bow their heads, and say "the Name," instead of saying "God." Others inserted the vowels A and E to make the name pronounceable, from which we get "Yahweh," or "Jehovah" from the German.)

Among these names were YHWH Yireh, "God will provide"; YHWH Nissi, "God is my banner"; YHWH Shalom, "God is peace"; YHWH Sabbaoth, "God of hosts" (of armies); YHWH Maccaddeshem, "God our sanctifier"; YHWH Shammah, "God who is present"; and YHWH Elohim, "God, the almighty."

Of all the names of God there is one which, though introduced late in time, has stuck above all others. That name is "Father."

God first introduced Himself to the human race as "Father" sometime during the reign of King David, and in a vague sort of way. God, who could have chosen any title, chose the title "Father." God was already known by names which depicted His greatness, power, and sovereignty, but still He chose "Father."

God's choice to be known as "Father" has taken hold, so that, as the Scripture says, **God has**

sent the Spirit of His Son into our hearts, crying "Abba, Father." ("Abba" is Aramaic for "Daddy.") Rather than thinking of us as slaves, servants, or something else different, the Scripture tells us that **when we cry, "Abba, Father," it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God.** God could be our master, and we His slaves; but He desires us to be His children, and for Himself to be our Father, instead.

It is important that we understand that there are differences, sometimes significant differences, between our Heavenly Father and our earthly fathers. Indeed, some among us might even cringe to think of God as their Heavenly Father, because their earthly fathers were (or perhaps still are) terribly abusive in some way.

Such people can take comfort in realizing that they knew their earthly fathers were bad, precisely because they were so much unlike God. Even the best and most diligent fathers don't always get it right, either. Often, the challenge lays in balancing demands, and it's hard to get it right all the time, because we're only human.

Fortunately for us, God is not so limited. For example, God is always there for us, whenever we need Him. All of us from time to time miss the comfort and wise counsel of our fathers, but it needn't be that way with God. Day or night, He's only a prayer away.

Moreover, God is always fully aware of our circumstances and needs, and is always prepared to help us. He is never not aware, never neglectful, never weary. When we need discipline, God's discipline is always measured and just, and never prompted by embarrassment or anger, **but He disciplines us for our own good, in order that we may share His holiness.** In every way, God is the perfect Father.

When Jesus preached to the crowds and referred to God as "Heavenly Father," He used an important qualifying adjective. In such settings, Jesus always called God "**your Heavenly Father.**"

It has always been God's desire that each of us would know Him personally and well; well enough to comfortably and confidently call Him "Father."

News And Notes From F.H. Congregational

You are welcome to join with us at the Feeding Hills Congregational Church, which is located at 21 N. Westfield Street in Feeding Hills. Our Sunday morning service of worship begins at 9:30 a.m.

The lectionary readings for the fourth Sunday after Pentecost are Genesis 21:8-21; Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17 (or Jeremiah 20:7-13; Psalm 60:7-10, 11-15); Romans 6:1b-11; Matthew 10:24-39.

Rev. Donaldson's sermon title is "The Meaning of Baptism."

Children are invited to attend worship with adults. Nursery care will be provided for the very young.

The Board of Christian Education has announced they will sponsor Vacation Bible School from Monday, August 16th, to Friday, August 20th. Activities are planned to take place from 5:00 until 8:30 p.m.

Lani Kretschmar or Lynn Hill will be able to answer any questions you may have. Further details will be forthcoming.

During the months of July and August, the

church office will be closed on Mondays. It will remain open on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. until 12:00 noon.

On Sunday, June 27th, we will celebrate God's gift to us of music. This will be Choir Sunday.

After you enjoy the beautiful service, please make sure to thank the choir members for their work each week throughout the year.

This is a good time to let them know you'll be joining them in September!

There will be a meeting of the Bylaws Committee on Tuesday, June 22nd, at 7:00 p.m.

On the calendar:

Saturday, June 19th: Agawam Parish Association at St. David's.

Sunday, June 20th: 9:30 a.m., Service of Worship; 12:00 noon to 8:00 p.m., Church of Redemption.

Tuesday, June 22nd: 7:00 p.m., A.A.; 7:00 p.m., Bylaws Committee.

Wednesday, June 23rd: 7:00 p.m., Choir.

Thursday, June 24th: 7:00 p.m., A.A.

St. John's Parish News And Notes

BIBLE CAMP

Our Annual Bible Camp will be held the week of July 5th-9th from 9:30 a.m. until 12:00 noon. This camp is for children ages four through eight.

Registration forms are available in the Parish Office. Volunteers, teens, and adults are still needed.

Please call Sister Fran Gloster at 786-8105.

1999-2000 SCHOOL YEAR REGISTRATION

If your oldest child will be entering first grade (or will be new to our program) in September, please call 786-8105 and we will send you a registration form; or stop into the Parish Office and pick one up.

Students enrolled last year should have received a form by mail to register for the new year by August 1st.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO HELP?

With a community of over 6,000, we should have many who could help with our Religious Education Program. We do not expect "college professors," but an ordinary, committed Christian like you.

We even have a suggestion to help if you would like to help next fall. The Diocesan Office of Religious Education is sponsoring two courses this summer: "Teaching Religion Effectively" (for grades one through six) and "Adolescent Catechesis" (for ages seven through 10th). The first one for the younger grades will be on Tuesdays, June 29th through July 27th, and the program for adolescents will be on Thursday nights, July 1st through July 29th.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

If there are any adults who have not as yet been Confirmed, we will be having the Sacrament here at St. John's in October.

Sessions will be held to prepare candidates during August and September. Call the Rectory at 786-8105 to register.

GREY HOUSE BENEFIT

The First Annual Breakfast to aid the Grey House in Springfield will be on June 26th from 8:00 to 10:30 a.m. at Crestview Country Club. Tickets are available by calling 562-8206.

Adults are \$20, and children (under 12) are \$12. There will be door prizes.

PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Congratulations to our newly elected Parish Council members: Patricia Drewniak, Mariann Green, Lori Harvey, Robert Stack, Jr., and William Sullivan.

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E.B's Holds Wing-Eating Contest...



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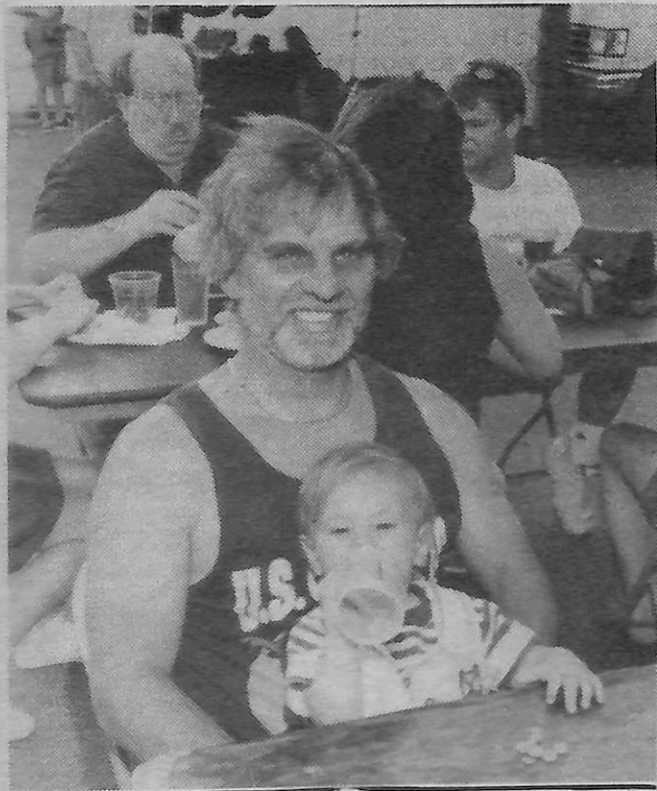


ON THURSDAY, JUNE 3RD, E.B's Restaurant of Agawam held its annual wing-eating contest ... "Wingfest '99 - Chowdown for Charity." This event featured two contests, one TNT wing-eating competition and one Midway wing-eating contest. Proceeds from this fundraiser will be used to benefit "The Daniel A. Larson Foundation," which was established to support the families of homicide victims. Pictured above are the committee members behind this year's "Wingfest" (from left to right): Al Chretien, Nancy Larson, Dee Ziegert, and George Ziegert. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.

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Our deadline is each Tuesday at 12:00 noon; however, we appreciate any articles, press releases, etc., that can be brought in on Mondays. Thank you...

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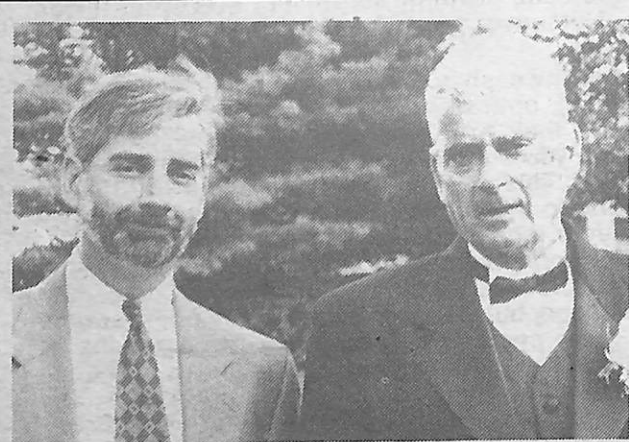
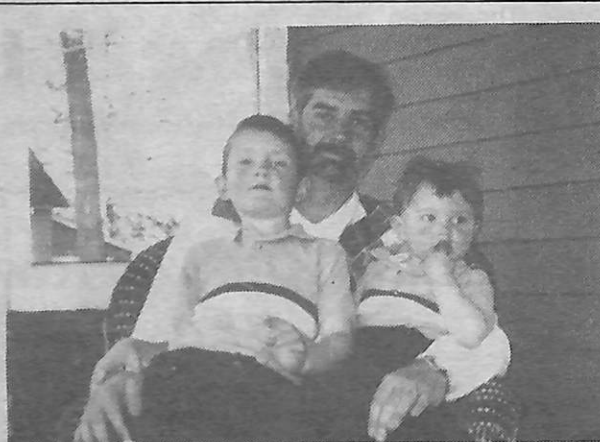
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Summer Cooling Tips...

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- Clean or replace filters at least once a month. Dirty filters make the air conditioner run longer and waste electricity.
- Don't place lamps, TV's, or other heat-generating devices near the thermostat. The thermostat could sense this heat and make the air conditioner run longer than necessary.

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Spotlight On Business - continued...

Timely Tips On How To Manage Your Finances

by **Sue N. Alvanos**
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What's Next For Your Small Business?

Are you unsure about the next step you should take with the business you've worked so hard to make successful? Many small business owners want to expand or start a new venture, but lack the necessary capital.

If you find yourself in this situation, you have several options: seek an Initial Public Offering (IPO), merge with another company, or sell your company. As with any business decision, there are pros and cons to each option.

Share and share alike. Going public is a big step for any business, and it's important to educate yourself thoroughly before deciding if it is the right option for you and your business. An IPO is a goal of many business owners because it can provide needed capital for expansion and can bring clout and recognition to their business. However, the move requires significant time, money, and effort.

Generally, businesses need \$1 million in after-tax earnings before an IPO can be considered. There are many SEC rules and regulations that go along with a public offering; so, as the owner, you must be firmly committed to the process.

The primary reason to consider an IPO is that you can gain access to the capital needed for growth and increased earning potential. Because investors researched your business and believe in its capabilities, you would have shareholders instead of going it alone. However, these same shareholders would analyze future business decisions and have input into important issues that affect your company's future.

Double your earning power. Merging with another company can be a good way to generate the capital needed to expand two complementary businesses while maintaining control of your company. This strategy may work well if the merger enhances the core businesses of each company. Merging can also be an effective way to expand your product(s) or service into new geographical regions if your partner is already located in several different areas.

There is significant value in extensively researching potential partners. Merging with another company could set you back in reaching the goals you set for your business if the other company has different intentions for the outcome. It can also be difficult to share control and decision making.

Sell and cash in. Selling your business may be a lucrative option for you and those who have invested their time and money in your company. Again, you should thoroughly research potential buyers. This caution may help avoid the risk of selling to the wrong person who could ultimately run your former business into the ground.

For some business owners, selling is an emotional process. Their business is not only their livelihood, but it is also a way of life and a source of great pride. However, many owners think of selling their business as a way to start a new company, which they couldn't have previously considered due to lack of time or cash flow.

No matter which route you choose to take your business to the next level, you will undoubtedly have many decisions to make. You should seek the advice of an attorney and a financial advisor to help sort through all your options. A financial advisor can be a valuable asset, helping you make sure your decision enhances your long-term financial goals.

Rheault Receives Business Award From Area Chamber

Town Council President Donald M. Rheault, owner of Message on Hold of New England, Inc., was one of the area businesses honored by the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday, June 16th.

Rheault has operated Message on Hold of New England, Inc., for the past five years. The businesses nominated by the Greater Springfield Chamber for its "Celebrate The Strength of Small Business" night were judged using the following criteria - contribution to the community, outstanding chamber involvement, longevity, or overcoming adversity.

The dinner and award ceremony was held at Chez Josef. Rheault is treasurer of the Agawam Chamber of Commerce as well as being a member of its board of directors.

Legal Memo

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NEGLIGENCE Use Of Zipwire - Fall

Where a plaintiff, while on an outing with co-workers at a rented camp, attempted to use a zipwire mounted in a tree, fell to the ground and suffered injuries, the Court held that she cannot recover negligence damages from the defendant owner of the camp, as that defendant had no duty to warn the plaintiff of the obvious dangers involved in using a zipwire without safety equipment or instruction.

The Court also found that the plaintiff is not entitled to damages from the codefendant, her employer, as the outing was not sponsored or funded by the employer and attendance at it was not required by the plaintiff's employment.

"A property owner has a duty to maintain its property 'in a reasonably safe condition in view of all the circumstances, including the likelihood of injury to others, the seriousness of the injury, and the burden of avoiding the risk.' ... A defendant is not required to 'supply a place of maximum safety, but only one which would be safe to a person who exercises such minimum care as the circumstances reasonably indicate.' ... A landowner has no duty to protect lawful visitors on his property from risks that would be obvious to persons of average intelligence. ..."

The plaintiff claims there are genuine issues of fact concerning the condition in which the zipwire was kept, as well as, what actions the defendant took to prevent unauthorized use of the apparatus.

The defendant states that, while not having a specific memory of doing so the summer during

which the plaintiff was injured, it was his practice to remove and put away for the winter all those removable parts and safety equipment associated with the zipwire at the end of each camping season (before the outing).

The defendant also stated that the ladder used by the plaintiff to get to the platform was not one of those presently used by the camp and that the pulley was not on the line the day of the outing. The plaintiff admitted in her affidavit that when she first arrived at the outing there was no ladder attached to the tree, and that when she attempted to make her way to the platform she had to pull herself up because the wooden ladder placed there did not reach the platform.

The Court said, "The question to be decided is whether the jury reasonably could have concluded that, in view of all the circumstances, an ordinarily prudent person in the defendant's position would have taken steps, not taken by the defendant, to prevent the accident that occurred. ..."

In this case, the evidence shows that the camp had removed both the ladder and the safety equipment used with the zipwire during the camping season. Upon arriving at the outing the plaintiff saw no ladder allowing entry to the platform rendering the zipwire inaccessible, it being 20 feet above the ground. The plaintiff chose to use the zipwire without the benefit of safety equipment or instructions on the use of the device. The plaintiff also admitted in her deposition that she knew there was a chance she could be injured but decided to use the apparatus.

Further, the defendant did not have a duty to warn the plaintiff of the obvious dangers involved with using the zipwire without safety equipment or instruction. "There is no duty to warn of dangers obvious to persons of average intelligence. ..."

On this evidence, a fair-minded jury could not return a verdict for the plaintiff and the action was dismissed.

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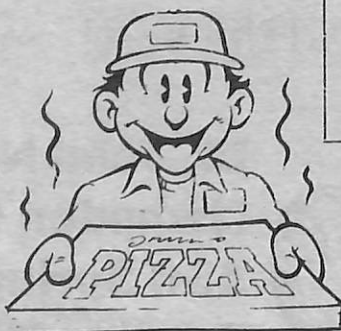
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Spotlight On Business - continued...

Pizzeria Pompeii In W. Spfld. Has Gourmet Cuisine

Chef and restaurant owner Steve Ozcelik has cooked all over the world and worked in his share of restaurants. So, it didn't take him long to decide that 9 Norman Street in West Springfield would make an ideal location for **Pizzeria Pompeii**, which opened earlier this year. (Editor's note: see our flyer for **Pizzeria Pompeii** in next week's edition of *The Agawam Advertiser News*.)

"I decided right away. The building was gorgeous and it's a nice, quiet neighborhood," said Ozcelik, the former owner of Martini's, a popular Northampton restaurant. "It has a nice parking lot, plus it's right across from the Big E."

Ozcelik, who also owns Equinox Gourmet Foods in Springfield, said the name of his newest restaurant is actually a misnomer in that pizza and grinders are just a few of its specialties. As a matter of fact, Ozcelik is something of a world traveler and, having cooked throughout Europe, brings to his establishment culinary influences from a variety of cultures.

Thus, in addition to pizza, the menu offers Greek salad, burritos, veal bolognais, hummus wraps, Cajan chicken linguine, and chicken gorgonzola.

"I put together a lot of cultures," he understated. "The dishes come from Louisiana to Italy. When people come here, they feel good."

All Homemade & Made With Fresh Ingredients...

Besides these more substantial dishes, Ozcelik offers soups, sandwiches, and salads — all homemade and all made with fresh ingredients. His other business, Equinox Gourmet Foods, produces gourmet salads for local supermarkets.

"We bring home the right ingredients and cook them right away," he said. "People see the difference."

With seating for 19 and a spacious, well-appointed kitchen, Ozcelik says he is hoping for a mix of take-out and dine-in customers, with large-scale catering also a possibility.

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Our annual "Graduation Issue" will be published next Thursday, June 24th. Because of the size of this particular edition, we urge you to get any articles, press releases, etc., to our office by next Monday, June 21st. Thank you...

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CHEF AND RESTAURANT OWNER STEVE OZCELIK brings 25 years of experience and a variety of culinary influences to his latest venture — "Pizzeria Pompeii," located at 9 Norman Street in West Springfield (telephone number 734-5944).

"Customers will have the same service and same quality that they had at Martini's for half the price," Ozcelik said. "In this little spot, you can stand in line for two minutes and be out the door with a home-cooked meal."

Pizzeria Pompeii is doing well so far. It is open Monday through Saturday from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., and on Sunday from 1:00 to 10:00 p.m. Deliveries are free, and the restaurant can be reached at 734-5944.

"A lot of our old customers just heard about **Pizzeria Pompeii**, but some have been here

already," said Ozcelik, who is considering adding a patio and perhaps selling ice cream.

The basement contains a spotless storage area and a walk-in cooler constructed by the owner. "The most important thing in my business is to keep everything clean," said Ozcelik, who comes from a family of restaurateurs and has 25 years' experience in the business.

Though Ozcelik's culinary interests extend far beyond pizza, don't sell his thin-crust variety short. "My pizza is going to be the number-one pizza in this area," he vowed. "I'm working on it."

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Talking About "Muscles"...

Chiropractic involves much more than an "adjustment." Muscles make up 80 percent of the body, so when a muscle tightens up or spasms, it can affect the entire spine.

This is due to the fact that many of the muscles attach to the vertebrae, the individual bones that make up the spine. When the muscles tighten, they restrict the proper motion of the spine. This results in pain and a decrease in mobility.

Treatment for muscle tightness and spasm include heat, muscle stretching, chiropractic adjustment, muscle massage and mobilization, and home exercises to stretch the tightened muscles. Oftentimes, people will develop "trigger points" in the muscles. These are small spasms within the muscle belly.

The byproducts of the muscle, mainly composed of lactic acid, get "caught" within the spasm. This results in pain, burning sensation, achiness, and fatigue. A common location where these trigger points are located are between the shoulder blades, in the back of the head, in the mid and low back muscles.

A trigger point feels like a knot in a rope. A muscle should feel smooth and supple. A muscle with a trigger point feels "knotted" and it is painful to touch. Often the pain can radiate down the arms, legs, the back of the head. Trigger points can also produce feelings of numbness and tingling, especially in the arms.

What causes a trigger point? There are many causes, including injury stress, poor posture, overuse of the muscle, and a multiple of others. Trigger points not only cause pain, but can also affect sleep, which can lead to fatigue. Trigger points can affect the normal function of the spine and lead to limited range of motion.

Treatment for trigger points is what we call trigger point therapy. This includes applying pressure to the trigger point for approximately six to 10 seconds and then release. This increases the blood supply to the region, which helps break down the spasms and helps release the buildup of the waste products.

The waste gets released into the blood stream, which can cause tiredness, giddiness, or a light feeling after being treated with trigger point therapy. It's important to drink lots of water after treatment in order to flush the buildup of waste products out of the system. Muscle tightness and trigger points are no fun. They affect your quality of living. If you're experiencing discomfort, call our office today!

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Your Back And Your Health

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What Is Neck Pain???

Neck pain can be so mild that it is merely annoying and distracting. Or it can be so severe that it is unbearable and incapacitating.

Most instances of neck pain (and stiffness) are minor and commonly caused by something you did. That is, if you keep your head in an awkward position for too long, the joints in your neck can "lock" and the neck muscles can become painfully fatigued.

Fortunately, most minor, posture-induced neck pain episodes clear up on their own after rest and efforts not to repeat the offending stresses on the neck. But neck pain that just won't go away after a day or so is a more serious matter.

Neck pain that lasts for many days or keeps coming back is a signal that something isn't right. Disease, an injury (such as *whiplash* in an auto accident), a congenital malformation, or progressive degeneration that can come with age, may be responsible for the more significant pain you experience.

An expert must determine the underlying causes of such neck pain. Examination, diagnosis, and treatment by a doctor of chiropractic can relieve your mind and may quickly relieve

your pain.

Who suffers from neck pain?

Almost everyone experiences some sort of neck pain or stiffness at one time or another. Because you are human and walk upright, your head is "balanced" atop your spinal column. If the muscles that support your head are not kept strong and in good condition, the upper part of your spinal column is vulnerable to strains and injuries.

Older people, whose joints have been worn by much use over time, are subject to osteoarthritis (also known as degenerative joint disease of DJD). When this form of arthritis hits your back and neck, you feel it as neck pain that gets worse over time. The pain may radiate into your shoulders and arms, and you may feel numbness or tingling in hands and fingers.

Arthritis can also involve symptoms including headaches, dizziness, and even a grating/grinding feeling when you move your head. It is very important for your chiropractor to examine you to rule out osteoarthritis or identify it and see that it is properly treated.

What can chiropractic do?

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does not affect mobility.

Grade two is a little more severe, with exquisite point tenderness. It is swollen and the pain is present before, during, and after activity. This would limit your range of motion.

Grade three is intense, swollen, and very limited range of motion. As you can see, it would not be wise to continue the activity once you feel discomfort.

Prevention is your best defense. It can be prevented by maintaining good muscle strength. Use ice for any discomfort. Try a sleeve or brace for support during your activity. And slowly increase intensity and length of exercise as opposed to sudden increases.


Are you already feeling it? You probably know what caused it or at least what is contributing to it. I want to make one thing clear: When you are exercising and you feel discomfort, this is not an ibuprofen deficiency!!!

You don't pop a couple of Motrin and keep going. You don't simply medicate before your workout. That's the worst thing you could do, as you now know.

If you feel it is grade one, rest, ice, and support the joint. If you feel it may have gone farther, see your doctor. It will not get better without rest, so don't be stubborn.

As I said, this can be prevented. If it's too late, treat it properly and get help if you need it.

Fitness Tips...



by
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Fitness Director
Fitness First

Tendonitis...

Tendonitis is simply an inflammation of a tendon, that strong tissue that connects muscle to bone. This inflammation can be classified as an overuse or chronic injury. It takes time to develop, with repetitive stress and continuous overloading.

It usually occurs over joints and can occur in anyone, not just exercisers. It starts with a little discomfort in the elbow, for example, that subsides after you warm up. But after a few days or weeks, it progresses, possibly to the point of severe discomfort and immobility.

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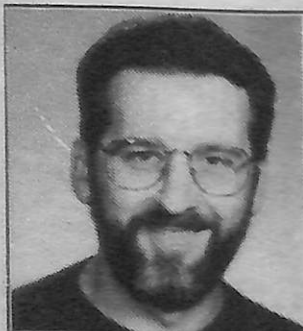
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Family Membership...

Is the cost of family membership your very "self"?

A popular credit card commercial speaks about the "privilege of membership." When you think about what it means for you to be a family member, what comes to mind? Or perhaps, more appropriately, what feelings are felt?

Some of you reading this column may describe family membership as a privilege, an honor, and a source of pride where respect, love, trust, affection, affirmation, honesty, and communication (to name a few) abound. Family and your identification with it did — and perhaps still does — afford a pleasing feeling! Memories and a desire to be with family bring a smile to your face, knowing you are free to live separately, yet connected to them.

Like myself, many of you reading this column would, at times, rather heatedly like to cut the membership card into pieces, leaving no evidence of that "privilege" where the cost of membership meant and may still mean **loss-of-self** or never really gaining a "self," for the good of the family system.

The power of family systems, whether healthy or not, is formidable. The power of the family system lies in the fundamental tenet of its very existence; namely, to survive by passing on this system of how to relate to the next generation.

The family system I refer to, in this case, may be equated to the family-influenced (determined?) identity which each person receives and con-

tributes to the family "collective identity," where it is the collective, rather than the individual, that is valued.

I realize I may be having trouble clearly stating this most difficult and controversial concept to you. Allow me to share a phrase a colleague created to shed light describing this dynamic of how we come to know our family's sense of identity, our very own identity. He calls this knowing your "familial scent."

It is as if you can smell or taste who you are while in the presence of your family system. You can smell (sense) your family identity whether you are literally in their presence or simply "feel" their presence while being in relationships with another, even while being geographically distant from the family.

We all have a family identity. How we come to know our "familial scent" is something we naturally learn through our many family relationships. For example, if you are sensitive to and aware of this "scent," you can recognize it while with your partner, a child, at work, or at church (or any other organization) during your recreation — you name it.

It can be named only if you are sufficiently in touch with who you are, or perhaps you are fortunate enough to have another person help point it out to you. The it, in this context, is what your behavior seems to be saying about who you are and how this may speak to this "familial scent."

Next week, I'll talk more about our identity formation and how many of us make attempts to change our family identity through our many non-family member relationships. Family membership and its privileges, what do you think? Let's talk some more about this ... in the meantime, continue to e-mail and write to me with your feedback, relationship questions, and topics and "Let's Talk About It."

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**Food for Thought**

by Nancy Dell
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If It Sounds Too Good To Be True, It Probably Needs A Second Look

Health Fraud. Quackery. Misinformation. Junk Science. They seem to be the buzzwords of the day in food and health communications. *Webster's Dictionary* defines misinformation as "Untrue or misleading information."

Quackery can be broadly defined as "Promoting health products, services or practices of questionable safety, efficacy or validity for profit." While there are differences between the two, they frequently have the same outcome: confused consumers or consumers who simply ignore food and health information.

Unfortunately, misinformation abounds. But, it is not wise to "throw the baby out with the bath water," and avoid or ignore all new health findings either, because there are a lot of exciting discoveries occurring. New discoveries make it necessary to be curious, yet cautiously skeptical. In the words of Marcia Angell, M.D., editor of *The New England Journal of Medicine*, "If it sounds too good to be true, it probably is."

This article is the first of a two-part series on how to help consumers and others better navigate through the maze of information and misinformation available on food, nutrition, and health.

A Word On Science

Health schemes and misinformation proliferate because they thrive on wishful thinking. Many people want an easy answer to their medical ailments, a "magic bullet" for weight loss or short cuts for personal appearance improvements.

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NANCY DELL - from Page 25...

Often, claims appear grounded in science but frequently it is only half the story.

"For example, vitamin B12 shots are lifesaving in cases of pernicious anemia, but giving them frequently to 'pep you up' is a form of medical fraud," said Stephen Barrett, M.D., chairman of Quack-watch and board member of the National Council Against Health Fraud.

There are few if any true "scientific breakthroughs." Science is evolutionary, not revolutionary, and the road to scientific discovery takes many detours. It is necessary to conduct several iterations of a study before a hypothesis is deemed definitive.

Health schemes and fraudulent product promotions are distinctly different from the publicity surrounding new health science. Yet, they both require that consumers ask appropriate questions and have a healthy dose of skepticism to determine the reliability of the information. When you hear of a new health report or findings on television, don't first reach out for the remote control and tune out.

But, don't swallow the story whole, either. Often, television news can serve as a "heads up" for new health information. But, due to the time limits for this medium, it is not always possible to provide all the information consumers need to evaluate the new research. If you think the new findings might apply to you, seek more details by reading articles on the subject in several newspapers, paying close attention to how the issue is presented and who and what organizations are quoted.

Although newspapers also have some space limitations, they are useful for gathering further information. They allow for more details about a study and thus more context than other mediums, particularly through interviews with scientific and health experts.

For instance, look for the opinions of reputable, science-based organizations such as the American Heart Association, and government health organizations including the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Center for Nutrition Policy and Promotion.

After a story is initially reported, read longer-lead publications, such as magazines and health newsletters, to provide more in-depth information and analysis.

10 RED FLAGS OF JUNK SCIENCE

The Food and Nutrition Science Alliance (FANSA) is a partnership of four professional scientific societies whose members have joined forces to speak with one voice on food and nutrition science issues. Discouraging Americans from overreacting to headlines is FANSA's goal.

Here are 10 "red flags" of junk science that FANSA urges you to watch out for:

- Recommendations that promise a quick fix.
- Dire warnings of danger from a single product or regimen.
- Claims that sound too good to be true.
- Simplistic conclusions drawn from a complex study.
- Recommendations based on a single study.
- Dramatic statements that are refuted by reputable scientific organizations.
- Lists of "good" and "bad" foods.
- Recommendations made to help sell a product.
- Recommendations based on studies published without peer review.
- Recommendations from studies that ignore differences among individuals or groups.

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Cancer Support Group Meets On Mondays

Persons with cancer, their families, and friends are invited to attend Mercy Hospital's Cancer Support Group. The free meetings are conducted Mondays at 7:00 p.m., in the hospital's Deliso Conference Center, 299 Carew St.

The group offers information on topics of interest to cancer patients, and provides an opportunity to share experiences in a friendly, supportive atmosphere. Meetings are facilitated by Sr. Madeleine Joy, S.P., of Mercy's Pastoral Care Department.

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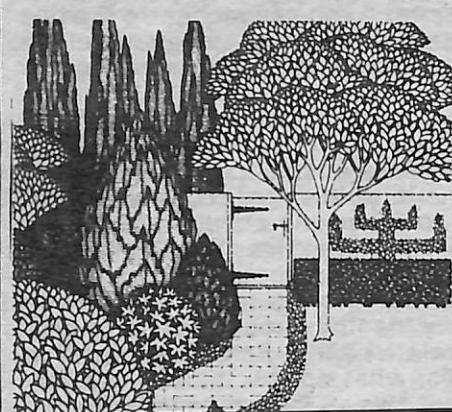
ing from a stroke, spouses, caregivers, and other interested persons.

On June 23rd, the topic will be "Different Types of Strokes: Left Brain, Right Brain, and Brainstem" (speaker to be announced).

Diabetes: Tuesday, June 22nd, 1:00 to 2:30 p.m. In Conference Room A at Noble Hospital.

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Those interested in submitting a proposal to direct, should contact Dale Facey at 413-567-8422 by July 1st.

The Players' winter show is "Picasso at the Lapin Agile," a unique comedy from the mind of comedian Steven Martin, which runs February 24th, 25th, 26th, and March 3rd, 4th, 10th, and 11th, in which Picasso meets both Einstein and Elvis (could happen).

Kim Newhouse's wacky slapstick comedy, "Victoria Falls," which runs May 4th, 5th, 6th, 12th, 13th, 19th, and 20th, is a broad takeoff on "My Fair Lady," and centers on attempts to create the next great joke (no kidding).

All shows are held at historic Mapleton Hall in Suffield. The Players are also holding auditions for Edward Albee's powerful study of passion and mind games, "Who's Afraid Of Virginia Woolf?"

Auditions will be Sunday, June 20th and Monday, June 21st, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at Mapleton Hall, 1305 Mapleton Ave. in Suffield. The cast calls for two couples: one in their late 20's to early 30's, and one in their late 40's to early 50's.

Rehearsal dates will be from August 22nd to October 20th, and show dates of October 21st, 22nd, 23rd, 29th, 30th, and November 5th and 6th. Actors should be prepared to commit to a fourth weekend should audience demand dictate.

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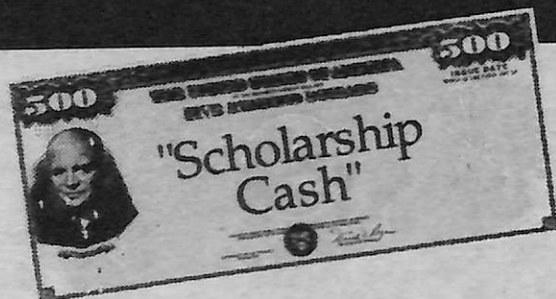
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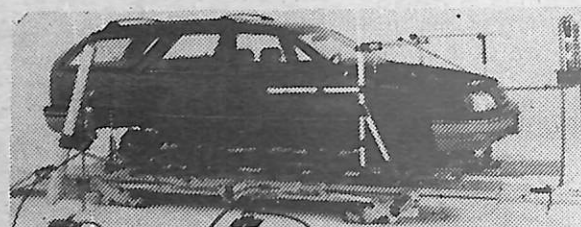
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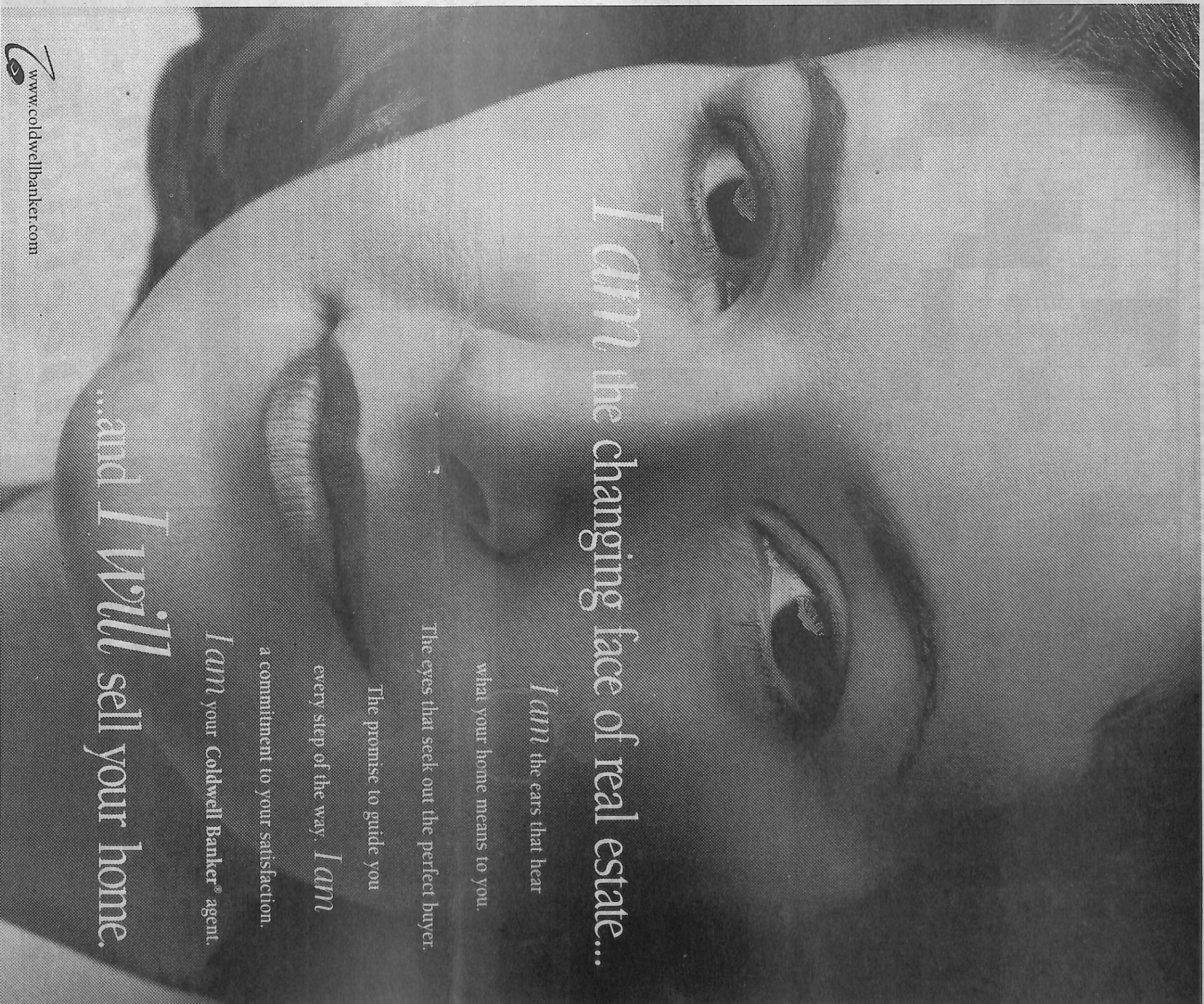
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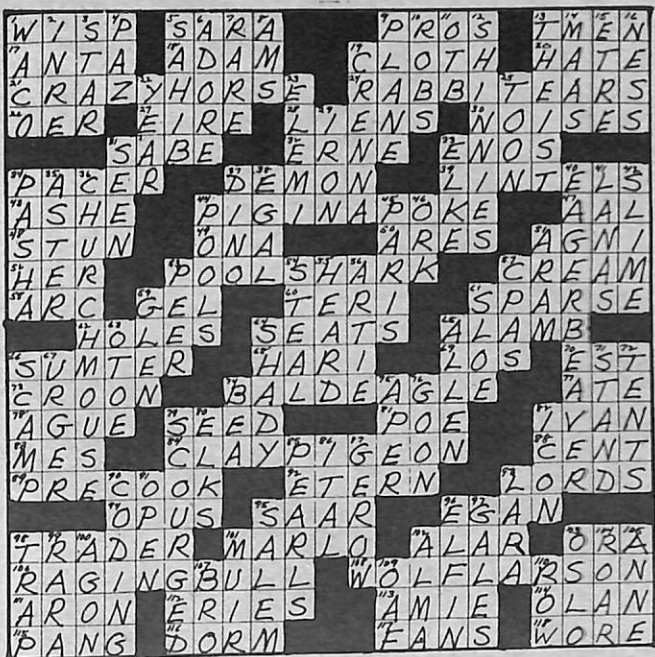
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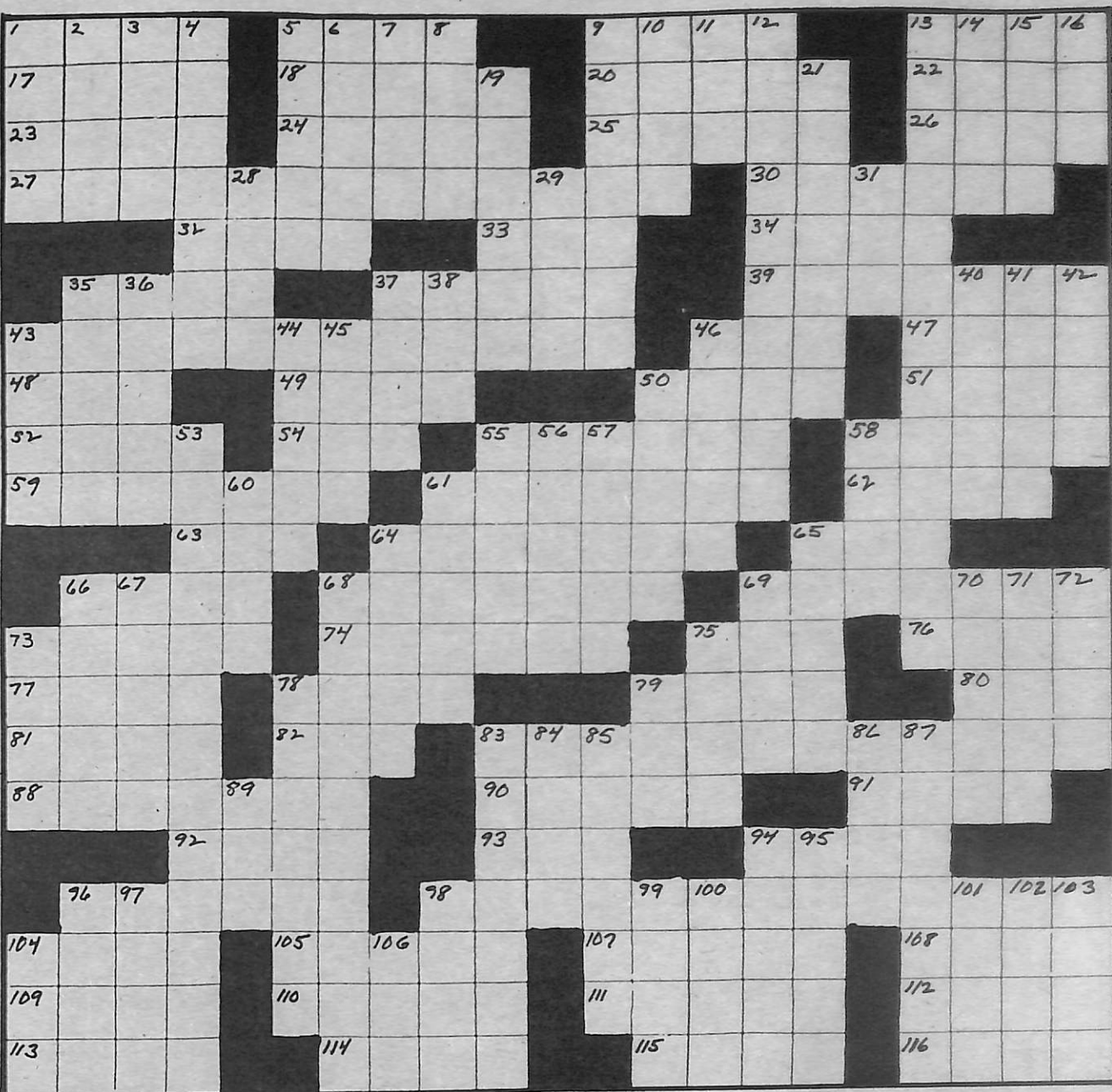
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Education

Robinson Park Kids Go "Around The World"

by Kathy Cassanelli
News Editor

Do you know what country has Europe's deepest lake; where Angel Falls is located in South America; or what country is famous for fancy Easter eggs? If you don't, ask a kid who goes to school at Robinson Park School and you're likely to get the right answer.

Recently, the students in kindergarten through fourth grade gathered in the auditorium to show off their knowledge of world cultures and geography in a trip "Around the World" led by Natasha Gerasimchuk, the district's transitional bilingual education teacher. Along the way, the children learned a little more about, sang a little more like, danced a little more like, and dressed a little more like their counterparts in Ireland, Venezuela, Russia, the Ukraine, and Puerto Rico.

Second-graders in Anna Crean's and Debbie Pelligrino's classes stayed a little closer to home, opting for a recitation of Woody Guthrie's *This Land Is Your Land*, a patriotic song, and a "Pledge of Allegiance" to the flag of the United States.

"The idea of the program is to raise awareness of different cultures in the world, in our school, and across the United States," Mrs. Gerasimchuk said. "We encouraged the teachers to choose a country, do some research, and have the children present a short program about their country. Several classrooms are presenting programs this afternoon, and we had a presentation on Ireland this morning from the first-grade classes of Sylvia Ready and Harriet Aspden.

"Unfortunately, the program on Japan prepared by fifth-grade teachers Andrew Bower and Pat Burnett cannot be performed today, but we will have a special performance later in the month," said Mrs. Gerasimchuk.

The "Macarena"??...

Every class was well-briefed on their songs, skits, and recitations, and the audience was clearly having as much fun as the kids. But, everyone agreed that one performance stood out from all the rest — probably because everyone was asked to join in as David Fazio's third-graders danced the "Macarena."

Mary Ann Czerpak's first-graders knew their numbers, colors, and foods in Russian and they sang a song to prove it. Also singing in Russian were the third-grade students of Cathy Camara and Deborah Buzzee, and the kindergartners in Sandra Blackburn's class who were happy and they knew it in both English and Russian.

The third-grade class of Mara Naglieri read *Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?* as they acted out the action using stick puppets in case the audience didn't understand the Spanish words.

A native of Russia, Mrs. Gerasimchuk teaches 20 students in Russian and Ukrainian in the elementary grades through the high school level, but she considers Robinson Park School, where most of her students are pupils, as her home base. After learning that the students in the assembly had family ties to a dozen different countries, Mrs. Gerasimchuk said, "As you can see, there are many of us whose families came



IN TOP PHOTO: David Fazio's third-grade class doing the "Macarena" during the "Around the World" multicultural celebration at Robinson Park School. IN PHOTO BELOW: The third-grade classes of Cathy Camara and Deborah Buzzee singing the Russian and English versions of "Frere Jacques." Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.



from different parts of the world. Some of us speak English very well, and some of us are just starting to learn. It's important that we help each other and learn from each other. We'll see that we are alike more than we are different."

Assisting in getting the children ready for their imaginary trip around the world were music teacher Margaret Bielin, ESL teachers Sue Mutti and Jennifer Strniste, and ESL teaching assistant Dina Ciarmatori.

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Junior Honor Society Inducts 51 New Members

On Thursday, May 27th, the Richard H. Barry Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society inducted 51 new seventh- and eighth-grade members into the Society during its annual induction ceremony.

Escorted by the officers of the Society, 47 seventh- and four-eighth-grade students proceeded into the auditorium to a spirited march provided by the Junior High Band, under the direction of Mr. Scott Thomson.

The following are the eighth-graders who were inducted at the ceremony:

Kevin Baptiste, Laura Bovat, Gunjan Gotra, and Andrea Greaney.

The following inductees were seventh-graders: **Alex Alvanos, Brian Athas, Kelly Borkosky, Danielle Borsari, Katherine Bousquet, Amanda Bruno, Tami Burmeister, Lianne Castellanos, Sara Lynn Cote, Elizabeth Couture, Neil Donah, Sara Dorans, Meghan Ennis, Michelle Figella, Malerie Gardner, Amanda Hamel, Sarah Huffman, Jenna Inero, Amanda Janik, Katie Knodler, Jillian Kos.**

Kyle Lafontaine, Sarah Landry, Amy Lownds, Nicholas Lyman, Michael Lynch, Stephen Lynch, Tory Lyons, Marc Maloney, Kyle McGuire, Pavlina Moysis, Elizabeth Mundo, Kevin Olbrych, Jillian Perry, Bethany Reid, Brent Reveruzzi, Christopher Roos, Adam Edward Roy, Anthony Rueli, Jeffrey Sabola, Sara Skolnick, Megan Smith, Kristen Sopet, Emily Sussman, Alissa Tully, Jessica Tully, Mary Zajac.

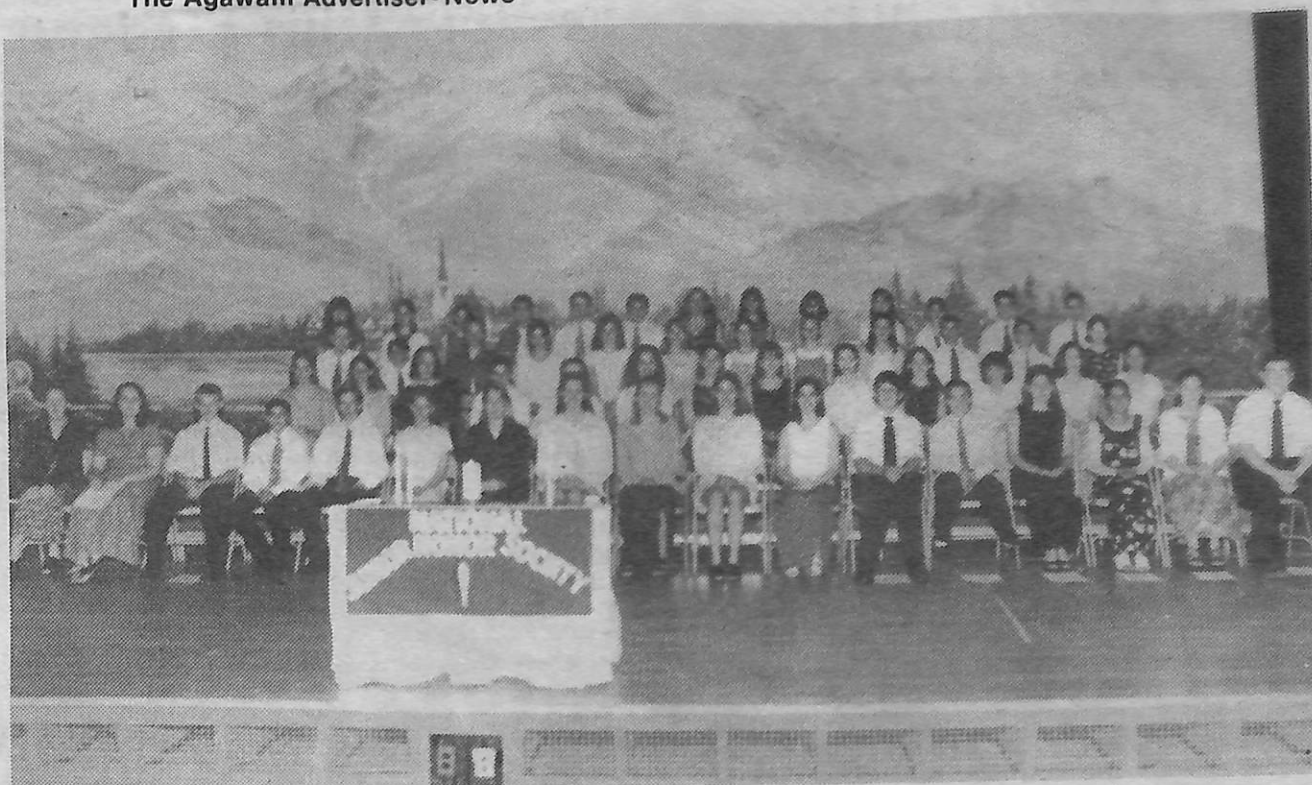
The following is the list of the eighth-grade Society members who were inducted last spring:

Kevin Athas, Catherine Baum, Aimee Beaudette (Treasurer), Ashley Blanchard, Sabrina Brizzolari, Whitney Brown, Sean P.F. Burke, Alexis Chretien (President), Danielle Cirillo, Heather Cox (Secretary), Jenine Davignon, Michael Dombrowski, Daniel Drewniak, Suzanne Dudley, Laura Duquette, Patricia Fitchben, Kevin Fleming, Kevin Grimaldi, Elizabeth Haire, Eric Harris, Christopher Holl, Anna Kiforishina, Nathan Krach.

Michael Lalli, Patrick Landers, Justin Lepard, Jeremy Malanson, Ashley Marek, Laura McNeish, Megan Mercadante, Vincent Moretti, Nina Murray, Michael Peetros, Jodie Pfau, Courtney Poirier, Julie Pontz, Kelly Reilly, David Rosenberg, Amanda Rozanski, Benjamin Sunny, Victoria Taylor (Vice-President), Brittany Theriaque, Sebastian Verelst, Cori Ann Verteramo, Cylyn Williams, Tara Witte.

The new members were honored by the presence of many dignitaries, including Dr. Frank Ameruso, Superintendent; Mary Czajkowski, Assistant Superintendent; Mrs. Roberta Doering, Agawam School Committee and guest speaker; Mrs. Teresa Kozloski, School Committee; Mr. Kevin Littlefield; and Jennifer Niedziela, High School Honor Society President.

Each speaker, in their own style, congratulated the newest members for their accomplishments and true dedication to both education and various volunteer services.



IN PHOTO ABOVE: The students who were recently inducted into the Richard H. Barry Chapter of the National Junior Honor Society at Agawam Junior High School. **IN PHOTO BELOW:** Junior High guidance counselor Frank Meagher receives a plaque from Donna Watson in appreciation of his service to the National Junior Honor Society. Advertiser News photos

by Jack Devine.

Mrs. Doering reminded the inductees that their selection to the Honor Society was proof of a commitment to excellence. She encouraged them to be accountable for all their actions and to exhibit a caring and respectful attitude towards others.

The Junior High Small Chorus, under the direction of Ms. Christine Davis and accompanied by Mrs. Jeanne Trinke, presented a beautiful rendition of Handel's "Sing With Pleasure" to the delight of the audience.

Special praise was given by all the speakers to the many parents and relatives who were able to be present at the ceremony. The audience was reminded that without the support of these dedicated family members, the students would not have achieved at such a remarkable level.

Jennifer Niedziela, President of the High School Honor Society, helped Mr. Littlefield present an Honor Society certificate to the newest members. In her own address to the Society, she stressed the importance of a continued dedication to high academic standards so that these students would eventually become members of the Honor Society at the High School.

Mr. Littlefield then thanked the audience for their attendance at the induction ceremony and stressed how important their praise and encouragement had been in this achievement. The parents, relatives, and friends were then invited to join the Honor Society for refreshments in the cafeteria.



At the June 2nd meeting, the following seventh-grade members were elected officers for the 1999-2000 school year:

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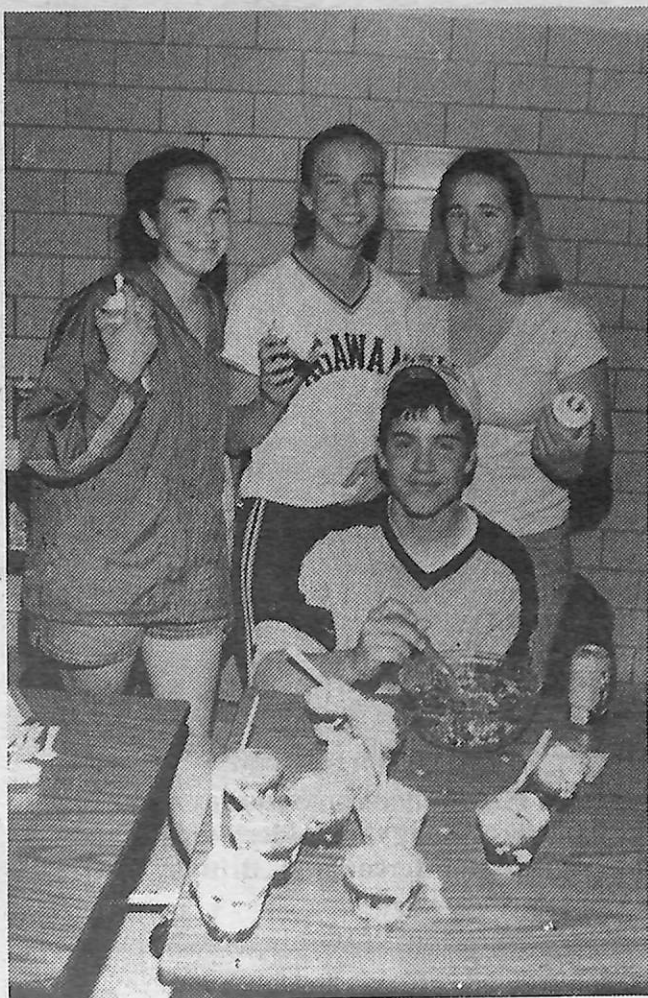
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Agawam High School Guidance Bulletin

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Alfred Albano Named To Dean's List At Hamilton College

Alfred Albano, son of Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Albano of Robin Ridge Drive, Feeding Hills, has been named to the Dean's List at Hamilton College for the 1999 spring semester.

A student is placed on the Dean's List for earning an average of 90 or above during the term.

A rising senior majoring in chemistry at Hamilton, Albano is a graduate of Agawam High School.

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To earn honors, a student must earn a quality point average of between 3.0 and 3.49; high honors requires a quality point average of between 3.5 and 4.0. Students must be carrying at least 12 credits during the semester to qualify.

Among those honored students this past semester were the following Feeding Hills residents:

James Eric Arenstam, Associate in Engineering with major in Computer Engineering Technology; and **Kevin R. King**, Associate in Applied Science with major in Architectural and Building Engineering Technology.

Agawam Schools' Weekly Lunch Menu

Monday, June 21st: Deli-sliced turkey sandwich in roll, tossed garden salad with creamy dressing, chilled fruit cup, milk.

Tuesday, June 22nd: Scrambled hamburger with gravy on whipped potatoes, sweet niblet corn, rosy applesauce, bread and butter, chocolate brownie, milk.

Wednesday, June 23rd: Steamed frank-furt in roll, oven potato rounds, seasoned vegetables, fruit cup, milk.

Thursday, June 24th: Last day of school — no lunches served (half-day).

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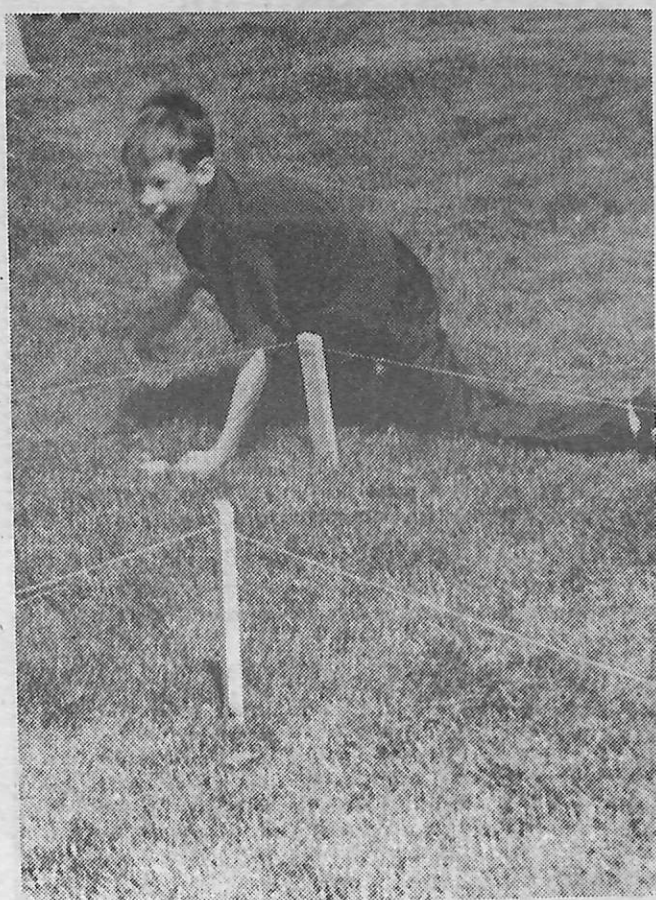
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“Penny Carnival” At The Junior High...



A “PENNY CARNIVAL” was held at Agawam Junior High School on Saturday, June 5th, and sponsored by the Junior High National Honor Society. Among the “older” kids in attendance were Laura McNeish, Heather Cox, Jodie Pfau, Megan Mercadante, Brittany Theriaque, Malerie Gardner, and Katie Knodler. Advertiser News photo by Jack Devine.



IN TOP LEFT PHOTO: Zachary Matys is all smiles as he crawls through a maze at the “Penny Carnival” at Agawam Junior High School. IN BOTTOM LEFT PHOTO: Ready to “knock down” some soda cans are Mary Zajac, Christine Nagel, D.J. Nagel, Katherine Bousquet, and Liz Mundo. Advertiser News photos by Jack Devine.

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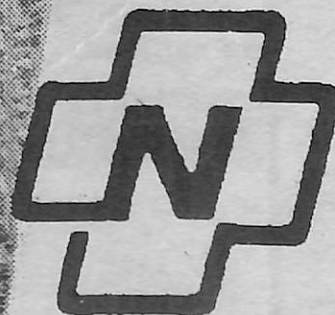
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From AHS Guidance...

A Message For This "Father's Day"

by Judy Cohen
Agawam High School Guidance Counselor

Often I am behind a car that has a bumper sticker that asks the question, "Have you hugged your child today?" Each time, it gives me pause and I begin to muse just how important it is to show your child affection, to let him know not just with words how special he is to you.

I still remember the time a young man came into my office and was very upset with his father. It seems they just never got along. Dad had remarried, had children with his new wife and this boy, his son, felt slighted, unwanted, and hurt. Yet, did Dad know this? Had his son shared his feelings with Dad? Through some probing, I learned that Dad did not really know his son's feelings; as a matter of fact, both never communicated that much.

A telephone call was made. Dad came into my office the next morning. The son was there, too. Always noticing body language, I was struck by theirs. Dad took a chair and moved it to one side of my office; his son took a chair and moved it to the other side. There they sat, separated like two islands.

We spoke for a while and I elicited responses from each one. Finally, noticing the lack of eye contact that each had for the other, I asked the young man, "Does Dad ever hug you? Does he ever put his arms around you and tell you how much you mean to him?"

He squirmed in his chair, shook his leg, put his head down, and then I noticed that his shoulders were shaking. With tears streaming down his face, he looked up at me and quietly said, "No." I glanced at Dad, who had begun fidgeting and was clearly agitated.

A large man, he suddenly looked small to me. With pain written on his face, Dad said in a subdued tone, "I had no idea my son was feeling this way. I mean, I do hug the girls, but my own folks never hugged me, just my sisters, so I guess I never thought about hugging him."

And then with a catch in his voice, he looked over at his son and simply said, "I'm sorry." I waited, glued to my seat. It was so quiet I could hear the clock ticking. Dad looked at his son; his son looked at him. Dad slowly rose from his chair, walked over to his son, and put his arms around his son. Holding his son tightly, Dad felt his son returning the hug. Both had tears in their eyes, but they were tears from feeling good.

After that meeting, I am happy to say, things dramatically improved. The boy realized that Dad loved him as much as he loved his half-sisters, even though he had never visibly shown it or verbally expressed it. Both learned how important it is to communicate feelings, to actually show how you feel. Often, a good hug is worth a thousand words.

On Father's Day, or any day for that matter, you fathers out there, do some soul searching. Have you shown your kids how much they mean to you? Have you, through your actions, invited them to show you how they are feeling, or, through your aloofness, have you kept them at arm's length? Children need to know that they are loved; it is not a sign of weakness for you to do this. So, I ask you to think about this. Have YOU hugged your child today? Years ago, in my office, Dad and his son did, and what a difference it has made.

A very Happy Father's Day to all you Dads.

Locals Honored At University Of Mass. Dartmouth

Ellen M. Piangerelli of Agawam, a visual design major, has been named to the Chancellor's List and Jason E. Devine of Feeding Hills, a political science major, was named to the Dean's List at the University of Massachusetts Dartmouth for the Spring '99 Semester.

To be named to the Chancellor's List a student must attain a 3.8 or higher GPA out of a possible 4.0; to be named to the Dean's List, a GPA of 3.2 or higher out of a possible 4.0 is required.

Junior High PTO To Hold Meeting On Monday, June 21st

The Agawam Junior High School PTO will hold its last meeting of this school year on Monday, June 21st, at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria.

All interested parents and teachers are invited to attend.

Area Students Named To Spring Dean's List At HCC

David Entin, Holyoke Community College's Vice President for Academic Affairs, has named the following Agawam and Feeding Hills students to the Dean's List for the 1999 spring semester.

Full-time students named to the Dean's List have completed at least 12 semester hours of courses and achieved at least a 3.2 grade point average.

Part-time students named to the Dean's List have completed less than 12 semester hours of courses and achieved at least a 3.2 grade point average.

Full-time students from Agawam:
Justin J. Aldridge, Eric A. Camyre, Andrew Emilio Charko, Danielle M. Curley, Michael P. Daigneau, Lindelee A. Davis, and Claire A. Nardi.

Part-time students from Agawam:
Ermelinda I. Branco, Charles J. Collins, Dolores A. Letourneau, and Laura A. Misseri.

Full-time students from Feeding Hills:
Shawn David Anderson, Ronald J. Ardolino, Jennifer E. Chagnon, Cara-Ann Fattini, Aida L. Felix, Jessica Ann Hansen, Deborah S. Harmon, Karlene A. Papadakis, Sarah E. Platanitis, Philip M. Silva, and Maryann J. Spring.

Part-time students from Feeding Hills:
Daniel Bonafilia, Linda L. Cogswell, Amy Costa, Lisa M. Daniels, Scott Foster, Doris J. Gobeille, and Carl W. Lough.

AHS Conducts Induction For National Honor Soc.

The Eleanor Smith Chapter of the National Honor Society at Agawam High School held its induction and reception for new members on May 19, 1999 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School auditorium.

The following were inducted: SENIORS - Aaron Skowrya, David Strole.

JUNIORS: Jason Bentley, Sheri Benton, James Borowiec, Laura Charest, Valerie Cross, Mary-Elizabeth Dupelle, Amanda Galluzzo, Pamela Gervais, Nicole Ghaname, Brian Gilhooly, Anthony Goodrow, Brian Gross, Adam Howe, Nicole Koehler, Jennifer Lyman, Kerry McGeoghan, Mary Manning, John Marcotte, Laura Reveruzzi, Kerry St. Laurent, Caroline Sherpa, Katherine Shannon, Matthew Taylor, Caitlin Weisgerber.

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Agawam Girl Scouts To Be In Physician Mentoring Program

Pioneer Valley Girl Scouts will get an inside look at life as a doctor, thanks to the "Girl Scouts of Today - Physicians of Tomorrow" mentoring program launched by the Hampden District Medical Society, the Massachusetts Medical Society, and Pioneer Valley Girl Scout Council.

Fourteen Senior Girl Scouts have been matched by the Medical Society with local women physicians who have volunteered to host a Girl Scout for a day on the job.

On Thursday, June 24th, Girl Scouts will meet their physician mentors at 7:30 a.m. at Mercy Hospital for breakfast and orientation. The girls will then 'shadow' the doctors in their daily routines.

Senior Girl Scouts Jackie LeGrand and Lucy Young of Agawam have been chosen to participate in the program.

The "Girl Scouts of Today - Physicians of Tomorrow" program, developed jointly by the Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. and the American Medical Association's Advisory Panel on Women Physician Issues, is being implemented by state and county medical societies across the country in an effort to provide young women with a detailed look at a career in medicine. This is the fifth year that the program has been operating locally.

Brad Tilden Completes His Freshman Year At Amherst College

Brad Tilden, a 1998 Agawam High School graduate, has just completed his freshman year at Amherst College.

He received an A- cumulative grade for the 1998-99 academic year.

Amherst College is a private, co-educational Liberal Arts institution located in the center of Amherst.

Tilden is the son of Peter and Grace Tilden of Agawam.

Lucia M. Delnegro On Dean's List At Salem State College

Lucia M. Delnegro of Agawam has been named to the Spring 1999 Dean's List at Salem State College.

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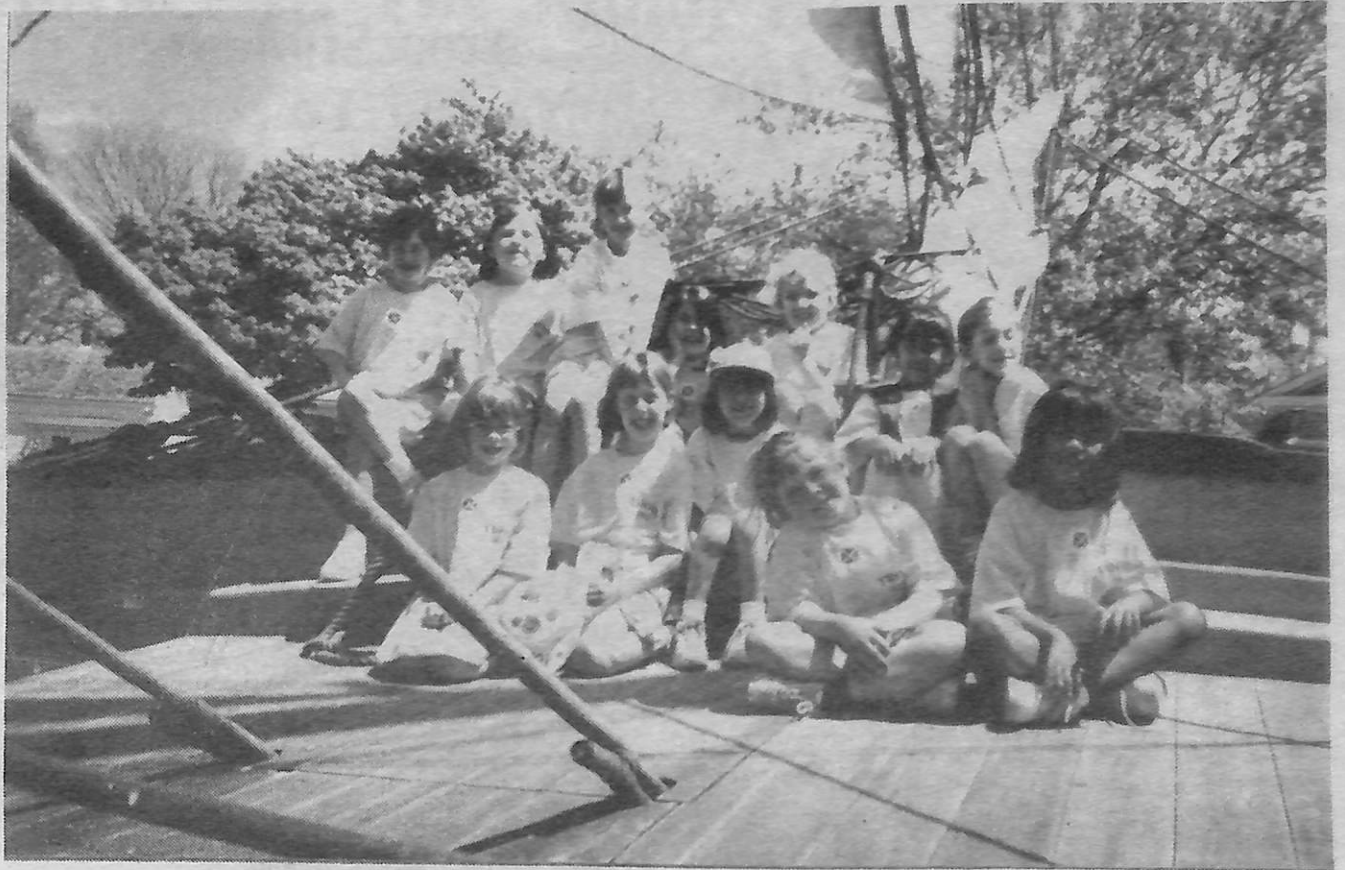
Girl Scout Brownie Troop 580 had a very busy and fun-filled year. It was the first year for the troop and most of the Brownies, as well as the three leaders, were new to the Girl Scout organization.

Troop members are Brittney Chechile, Taylor Dawson, Gabrielle Gonet, Nicolette Gonyea, Melissa Hryniewicz, Briana Maggi, Deanna McCool, Melina Mirabelli, Jenny Ravi, Talia Saracino, Janel Thies, and Brittany Theroux.

Troop leaders are Susan Dawson, Lisa Maggi, and Debbie Saracino.

The Troop workers had to earn a total of five patches this year - Girl Scout Ways, Colors & Shapes, Senses, Safety, and Outdoor Fun. The girls participated in the annual Girl Scout Cookie Sale and field trips included visits to Agawam Medical Supply, Stanley Park, and Mystic Seaport. The girls also marched in Agawam's Memorial Day Parade.

We all learned a great deal about respect, responsibility, citizenship, and friendship and we are looking forward to another exciting year, beginning in September!



"AHOY, MATEYS!!!": Members of Girl Scout Brownie Troop 580 during their trip to Mystic Seaport in Mystic, Connecticut.

Dismissal Procedure For Last Day Of School At Jr. High

Agawam Junior High School Principal Kevin C. Littlefield has announced that the school will observe the following "Last Day of School Dismissal Procedure" in an attempt to dissuade some unsafe practices that have occurred in the past.

Consequently, dismissal procedures for the last day of school on June 24th will be as follows:

HALF DAY OF SCHOOL

DISMISSAL WILL BE AT APPROX. 11:15 A.M.

- All students, who normally ride a bus home, will be dismissed from their homerooms when their bus arrives at school.
- If you are a bus rider, **you must ride your normal bus home. Bus riders will not be allowed to walk home with friends.**
- Students who will be picked-up and driven home by parents/guardians must have a written note from their parent/guardian.
- Walkers will be dismissed in intervals **after** all busses have departed.

Mr. Littlefield thanks parents/guardians in advance for their cooperation and understanding regarding this matter.

Information Regarding Agawam's 1999 Summer School Program

Alan R. Cohen, summer school director, has released the following information regarding the Agawam Public Schools' "Summer School" program for 1999. All summer school classes will be held at Agawam High School, 760 Cooper Street, Agawam.

LENGTH OF PROGRAM: Four weeks, 40 hours.
TIME AND DAYS: Monday through Friday, 8:00 to 10:00 a.m., or 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon.

REGISTRATION: \$90 each class (residents and non-residents).

REGISTRATION: Will begin *Monday, June 21, 1999*, through the *first day* of summer school.

PAYMENT: Checks made payable to "Agawam High School." (Payment is due with registration form.)

CANCELLATION: The summer school director reserves the right to cancel any course(s) due to insufficient enrollment. Section time may also

change due to enrollment.

REFUND POLICY: Full refund if course is canceled. *No refund after first class has met* or if student is discharged from program because of discipline.

ATTENDANCE POLICY: No credit will be given if student misses more than one class. No make-up work is allowed after the end of the program. Two tardies are equal to one absence.

ELIGIBILITY: Anyone may take a class for enrichment. If school credit is desired, arrangements must be made with one's own guidance department before registration.

For a registration form and/or further information (including the classes being offered during the summer school program), contact Mr. Cohen at the Agawam High School Guidance Office, 821-0519.

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Sports

AHS Baseball Brownies Win WMass., Bow In State Semi-Finals

On Wednesday, June 9th...

Brownies Defeat Chicopee To Head To WMass. Finals

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

So, you're the top seed in a tournament. That does not always mean you are the top dog.

Case in point, Agawam High's 10-2 semi-final win at MacKenzie Field over at Chicopee High last Wednesday, June 9th, in the Western Mass. Division I baseball playoffs.

At this writing, Agawam will be headed to Wahconah Park in Pittsfield for the Division I Western Mass. title game. Their opponent will be Pittsfield High School, last year's Western Mass. champion and the second seed this season. The Browns earned the right to defend their crown with a 7-1 semifinal win over Minnechaug.

Agawam will go into the game (a 4:00 p.m. start) with a record of 16-6. Pittsfield is 19-3 and defeated the Brownies earlier in the season, 10-3.

The Brownies were fourth in the draw when the festivities began two weeks ago. Chicopee was penciled into the number one slot. "We hadn't played them during the regular season, so there was some trepidation going in. You know, like the unknown," Brownie Coach Pete Clark admitted.

An Agawam Cakewalk

But, what might have been a crapsheet, turned into an Agawam cakewalk, with the cake and the walk supplied by sophomore pitcher Ben Lapins. The southpaw pitched seven innings, giving up four hits, four walks, and two runs while dusting eight Pacers. Though Lapins was comfortably ahead, 9-2 after seven frames, his pitch count was getting up there, so Clark sent in senior right-hand Dave Federico to mop up in the final two frames.

Agawam was first to mine pay dirt, scoring three in the initial inning. There were two gone when DH Kevin Mattson struck out but reached first when the ball eluded Chicopee's catcher. Sophomore third baseman Tony LeClair then smoked a triple to the hinterlands of center, driving in Mattson. Brian St. Jean contributed with an RBI (LeClair) single.

The green light, as it would be all game long, was flashing from the Brownie bench. So, St. Jean stole second, then third. "We'd scouted Chicopee and knew that their catcher didn't have that strong of an arm," Clark later said of his decision to let the kids run. It paid off as a wild pitch saw St. Jean score from the hot corner.

While Lapins, confidence enhanced by being spotted three runs early on was handling the Pacer offense, his mates gave him another trifecta in the fifth to make it 6-0. This time, Brian Chechile punched out a single and set himself up by stealing second. Sophomore catcher Corey Federico, who was called up from the junior varsity at mid-season and has performed admirably behind the dish, perfectly sacrificed Chechile to third. A Scott Harlin single saw Chechile saunter home. Mattson singled and Harlin, showing some speed, raced home. LeClair, who leads the team into extra base hits, was next in the box. He drilled a double to center driving in Mattson.

Agawam produced another run in the sixth. Chris Wayte reached on an error. Next, he swiped second and then stole third. Federico hit a sac fly that brought the Brownie senior home, making it 7-0. Chicopee did answer, however quietly, with a run in its half of the inning to make it 7-1.

Agawam answered that effort with two of its own in the top of the seventh by way of a LeClair two-out single and a St. Jean triple, scoring LeClair. St. Jean came home when Chicopee catcher Matt Partyka overthrew third trying to pick him off.

The Pacers did manage their second run in the bottom of the seventh. But by then, the Brownie faithful, who would prompt Lapins to emerge from the dugout to tip his cap after his day was done, were ready for the fat lady.

Final Run In The Ninth

Agawam's final run came in the ninth when Harlin made it on an error, went to second on a passed ball, and was knocked home via a St. Jean single.

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On Saturday, June 12th...

Lots Of Drama In 9-7 WMass. Win For Agawam High

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

The late, great Sachel Paige used to say: "Don't be lookin' over your shoulder, 'cause you never know what might be gainin' on you."

That baseball quote is profound in describing Agawam High School's dramatic 9-7 win over Pittsfield High in the Division I Western Mass. boys' final, the 13th win in the last 14 games for AHS. The action took place way out in the wilds of Pittsfield at quaint and lovingly manicured Wahconah Park (you know, home of the Pittsfield Mets).

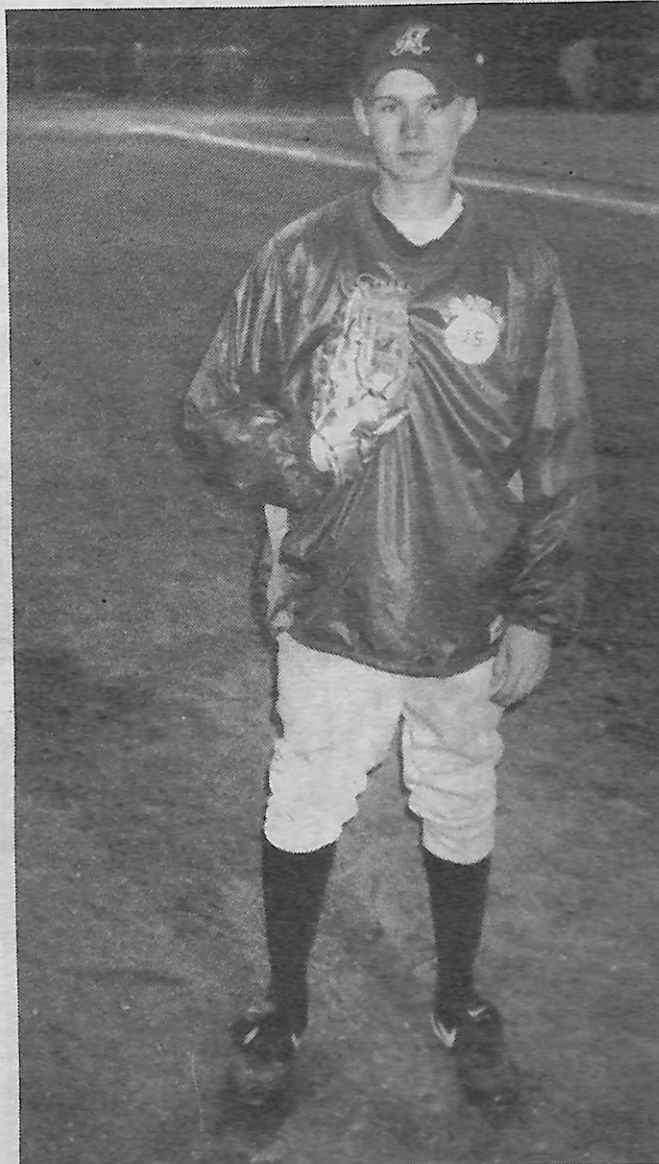
In this one, the fourth seeded Brownies (17-6) took an early 7-0 lead, then held on while the second seeded and defending Western Mass. champs Sachel Paiged their way back to tie it at seven with a five-run eighth.

Agawam finally sealed the win and its second Western Mass. title in four years with two runs in the ninth on a couple gutsy coaching calls by Brownie mentor Peter Clark (that cast the game into controversy and enraged the Pittsfield fans - more on that later).

Clark, by the way, is a Pittsfield guy, having starred at rival St. Joseph's High School just down the road from Pittsfield High.

Clark gave the ball to Brian St. Jean, then went back to the Brownie dugout and waited. His wait ended in the top of the third. With one down, DH Kevin Mattson drew a walk. Tony LeClair, next up, skyed a pop 20 feet down the first baseline. Pittsfield catcher Mark Cimoni fighting not only the high ball but the high sun, couldn't make the play and the ball bounced off his glove, then off the chalk, allowing LeClair to reach on the error.

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SOPHOMORE BEN LAPINS played a key role in Agawam's victories over Chicopee and Pittsfield to take the Western Mass. title. Advertiser News photo by Dave Rollins.

On Tuesday, June 15th...

Ouch!!! Brownies Handed 18-3 Loss By The Pioneers

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

If you must lose, it's probably best that you get blown out. That way, you'll never have to look back and wonder "what if?"

There were no what ifs or buts in Agawam High's 18-3 loss to St. John's of Shrewsbury Tuesday afternoon in Worcester in the Division I State Semi-Final. It was simply a good old, down-home, butt-kicking applied to the Brownies by the Pioneers, champs of Central Mass.

Things went sour fast for the Western Mass. champs. St. John's scored three runs (unearned) in the first, courtesy of two Agawam errors. In the second, leftfielder Tim Quagliari laced a Dave Federico pitch to the hinterlands of left center, about 430 feet away, for an inside-the-park homerun. That effort led to a 4-0 lead and sophomore Ben Lapins got the call from the bullpen.

Agawam got one back in the bottom of the second. Brian St. Jean pulled a pitch to the fence in left (400 feet) and legged out a triple. Chris Wayte stroked a single down the third baseline, scoring St. Jean. If the Brownies thought they were about to mount a comeback, the notion was dashed in St. John's half of the third. The Central Mass. power came back with five runs, three of which were unearned as the Brownies committed two more errors. And quicker than you could say "which way back to Agawam?", the Brownies were on the lean end of a 9-1 score.

"Being down like that never really gave us a chance to get into the game. They hit the ball hard. We didn't make some plays we should have made. But, you can't get down on these kids. They played hard all year. They tried. But, St. John's just capitalized on every mistake we made," Agawam Coach Pete Clark said.

While St. John's starter Mike Bartkus kept the Brownie bats quiet, the Pioneer offense continued to kick-up a racket, scoring two more in the fifth and another an inning later to make it 12-1. Agawam would answer a bit in the bottom of the sixth.

Designated hitter Kevin Mattson drew a leadoff walk. He was driven home when Tony LeClair popped a triple into the left center gap. LeClair scored on a St. Jean fielder's choice to short. St. Jean later agreed this wasn't the type of game you want to paste-up in your scrapbook. "Are you kidding me? Eighteen to three. We got our butts kicked. If you get down maybe five in one inning, but come back and score one or two when it's your turn, you still have some momentum. But, we didn't do it today," said the junior pitcher ace who threw about eight innings vs. Pittsfield on Saturday.

Mattson, who played in his final game and ever the competitor, had this take: "We could have killed them if we played our game. It just wasn't there. Our pitching had some problems."

Junior Shawn Biebel started the seventh for Agawam. The lefthander got touched up for six runs and was relieved with one out and the bases full in the ninth by Mattson, who, despite a short bout of wildness, got the final two outs.

The Brownies finished up their season at 17-7. St. John's (17-7) will go on to play St. John's of Danvers in the state finals this Saturday at Tivnan Field in Worcester. Game time is 1:00 p.m.

In the past two years under Clark, who took over in 1998, Agawam has made the playoffs and, of course, this season captured the Western Mass. crown. "We expect to be in the tournament every year. The town has a good feeder program and the talent to stock it. We're young and we learned from this experience. Hopefully, with the kids coming back, we'll be in this situation again, with a different outcome," the coach said.

Stats: Harlin - 0-4; Mercadante - 0-3; Mattson - 0-3, 1 rs; LeClair - 1-3 (3b), 1 rbi, 1 rs; St. Jean - 2-4 (3b), 1 rbi, 1 rs; Carney - 1-4, 1 rbi; Wayte - 2-3; Lapins - 0-2; Biebel - 0-1; Chechile - 0-3. **Pitching:** Federico (l) - 1 1/3 ip; 5 h; 4 r; 1 er; 0 so; 0 bb; 6.76 era; Lapins - 4 2/3 ip; 8 h; 8 r; 4 er; 4 so; 2 bb; 7.72 era; Biebel - 2 1/3 ip; 5 h; 6 r; 6 er; 2 so; 2 bb; 23.17 era; Mattson - 2/3 ip; 0 h; 0 r; 0 er; 1 so; 1 bb; 0 era.

WMASS. TITLE - from Page 37...**What's Not To Love?**

What's not to love about a pitcher who helps his own cause? St. Jean, hitting out of the number five hole, did exactly that. The junior dug in and drilled a fastball over the fat side of the left field wall for a 340-foot, three-run homer (his second of the year).

However, the Brownies weren't done. Mike Carney was next. He pulled a ball that tight-roped down third baseline. The attempted backhand play was blown just over the bag by the General's Matt Mazzer. With a man on, Chris Wayte continued the Agawam assault, slapping a triple to the wall in right-center, scoring Carney. Dave Federico drew a walk.

Runners were at the corners when rightfielder Brian Chechile punched a slow single up the middle, scoring Wayte and staking Agawam to a 5-0 lead. Pittsfield skipper Bob Moynihan had seen enough. The hook went out and starter Nate Davis (2 1/3 IP, 4 H, 7 R, 5 ER, 4 W, 3 SO, 19.31 ERA) was gone, replaced by Randy Russell.

He would face the top of the Agawam order and Scott Harlin (the ninth hitter of the inning). With the runners off on the pitch, Harlin laced a single up the middle and Federico came home with Agawam's sixth run.

Chechile now stood on second. Harlin was hugging first. Derek Mercadante stepped to the dish. The first baseman belted one off Russell's glove and right to the shortstop, Brian Uliasz crossing the second base bag to back up Russell. He got Harlin on the force, but couldn't quite make the double play at first.

Russell, seeing runners at the corners with two out, was slightly shaky. He tried a pick-off with a fake to third before going to first and got called for the balk, sending Chechile home. Mattson would strike out to end the inning. But, when the clay dust cleared, Agawam, with its seven runs and 11 hitters sent to the plate, had busted the Generals to privates without too much class (judging by Pittsfield's three errors).

Pittsfield began its climb back into contention with an unearned run in the fourth. A double and a run-scoring force play saw them close it to 7-2 in the fifth. Meanwhile, Russell had found his groove, shutting down the Brownie bats through the eighth inning.

In the bottom of that inning, Pittsfield's bats arose from the dead. A walk, triple, a single, followed by another walk, saw St. Jean, with another General run on the board and Agawam only up 7-3, suddenly in a heap of trouble. The bases were loaded with no outs. St. Jean managed to get second baseman Mike McDonald on a

grounder to second, but a run scored, making it 7-4, Brownies. Later, Paul Federico (captain Dave Federico's dad) would say, "You knew that was going to happen. You knew at some point in the game, Pittsfield was going to come back."

All The Right Moves All Season Long

Clark, who has been making all the right moves all season long, decided St. Jean had done his duty against the Generals, who by virtue of their spirited play, had promoted themselves back to Colonels. "I went as far as I could and gave it everything. I just kind of ran out of gas," a soaked St. Jean said later.

Lefty Ben Lapins got the call. The sophomore, who had beaten Chicopee on Wednesday in the sectional semi-finals and was working on three days' rest, rose to the challenge as best he could, coming in with one out and men on second and third.

A sacrifice fly and a double gave Pittsfield two more runs. An error, with a man on second, saw the Generals (yes, they were back at full rank) tie it at seven. Lapins dusted the final hitter of the inning. But, just like that, everyone was looking at a new ballgame.

It all funneled down to the unbelievable ninth inning. Agawam had the first crack. LeClair singled past third, chasing Russell (5 2/3-plus IP, 3 hits, 1 R, 1 ER, 2 BB, 3 SO, 1.59 ERA). St. Jean greeted the new pitcher, Matt Mazzer, with a single between third and short. Then Carney walked, loading the bases.

Earlier, Clark had sent speedy sophomore Aaron Gilbert in to run for LeClair. You could see the wheels turning; the cards were on the table. Wayte then whiffed and there was one out. Clark's next move was a suicide squeeze with Gilbert as the point man and Lapins at the plate. Lapins missed the ball, but so did the General catcher (Cimoni). Gilbert crossed the plate with Agawam's go-ahead run.

Clark, gambling that lightning might strike twice while the Generals were rattled, again called for the squeeze. This time St. Jean would be point, with Lapins still in the box. Lapins missed again. Cimoni caught the pitch and Lapins, 10 feet in front of the plate, put on the binders. Cimoni came out to greet him. St. Jean, using some of his football scrambling talents, spun to the glove side of Cimoni, who applied the tag with his mitt. The umpire called St. Jean out.

However, Cimoni happened to have the ball in his bare hand. It makes no difference if both hands are connected by two arms to one body. Baseball is not like the secret life of plants. The rule book states that you have to make the tag with the ball, whether it be in the glove or in the

hand. Outs cannot be made by osmosis.

St. Jean and Lapins, both obviously aware of the rule, had protested, as did Clark. "I knew I was safe. He tagged me with the wrong hand. That's why I got upset," St. Jean explained later.

After a conference with his mates, the home plate umpire rightly changed his call. From the hoots, hollers, moans, and groans, you'd have thought the entire contingent of Pittsfield fans had suddenly learned they were about to audited.

Then, the Pittsfield coach, knowing the ball in the other hand argument would be a lame and lost one, marched back from his dugout and began barking that Lapins had run out of the baseline. That point of order went over like road kill on a barbecue grill and the umps sent him packing.

An Unfolding Drama

The Brownies got out of the inning with the 9-7 lead, but baseball being baseball, one must always remember what Yogi said. Lapins got the first General to pop out in the bottom of the ninth. Brian Uliasz then touched him up for a double. A groundout saw two down and a runner on third. A walk saw men at the corners. At this point, it was obvious in the Agawam cheering section that some of the sweat on the faces of the faithful was not caused by the heat of the day as the drama continued to unfold.

However, Lapins got the next hitter to bounce a one-hopper back to the mound. He grabbed the ball, took several steps to first, fired, and Agawam had the Western Mass. title to call its own.

"You panic a little bit, you say to yourself you gotta come back when the other guy comes on. The kids have done it all year long. It's the kids' game," Clark, drenched by a good shot from the water cooler, smiled. He admitted at the end that the wheels were turning. "Definitely, the fans got behind us," the coach said, referring to his decisions on the two suicide steals. His wife, Korby, was by his side and mentioned how many fans they had on hand. "There were many more than Pittsfield had," she laughed.

The Brownies came out of the Pittsfield game with record of 17-6. They had won 13 of their last 14 games.

AGAWAM STATS: Harlin - 1-5, 1 RBI; Mercadante - 0-3; Mattson - 1-4, 1 RS; LeClair - 2-5, 2 RS; St. Jean - 2-5 (HR), 3 RBI, 2 RS; Carney - 0-4, 1 RS; Wayte - 1-3 (3B), 1 RBI, 1 RS; D. Federico - 0-2, 1 RS; Chechile - 1-4, 1 RBI, 1 RS; Lapins - 0-1; Drobot - 0-1.

PITCHING: St. Jean (W, 6-2) - 7 1/3 IP, 7 H, 6 R, 5 ER, 3 BB, 6 SO; 6.13 ERA. Lapins (S) - 1 2/3 IP, 2 H, 1 R, 0 ER, 1 BB, 1 SO, 0.00 ERA.

AGAWAM: 9 R, 8 H, 3 E, 9 LOB. **PITTSFIELD:** 7 R, 9 H, 5 E, 9 LOB.

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Agawam's nine-hit attack included 3-4 efforts and two RBI's apiece for LeClair and St. Jean. LeClair had a chance for the cycle, needing a homeroom in his final at-bat in the ninth to do it. His run at a round-tripper ended up sailing to deep left, but was cursed with a hook that sent it out of bounds.

Chicopee didn't help itself with five errors; nor did the top seed distinguish the cause by letting the Brownies steal five bases.

Fitness First Slates Seventh Vicki Sleeper Memorial Golf Tournament For Sat. July 17th

On Saturday, July 17th, Fitness First will hold its seventh Annual Vicki Sleeper Memorial Golf Tournament at Shaker Farms Country Club in Westfield.

All proceeds from the tournament will be donated to the New Beginnings Woman's Shelter in Westfield. The tournament is in memory of Fitness First's former Aquatic Director, Vicki Sleeper, who died as a victim of domestic violence in 1992.

The entry fee is \$75 per person and includes 18 holes of play, one cart per twosome, lunch, steak dinner, golf balls, tees, and a ticket for the giant raffle. The field is limited to 80 golfers, so in-

terested persons should register early.

Fitness First still has some openings for hole and tee sponsors at \$50 each (includes signage). Interested businesses or individuals that would like to sponsor a hole or tee should contact Denise Moffatt at Fitness First.


Dinner-only tickets may be purchased for \$20. Dinner will be served under the tent at Shaker around 7:00 p.m.

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Ann Paquette To Participate In Scholar-Athlete Games

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Agawam High lacrosse standout Ann Paquette is going to have a busy first part of the summer. From June 26th to July 2nd, the member of the class of 2000 will participate in the inaugural United State Scholar-Athlete Games to be held at the University of Rhode Island, as well as nearby Newport.

She was nominated for the honor by AHS lacrosse Coach Cindy Grieve. "It was a tough choice. Many kids were deserving, but she was so instrumental in lacrosse that I felt she'd earned the trip," Grieve smiled.

For her part, Paquette has really no idea just what to totally expect when she gets to the games. "I was nominated for lacrosse, so I guess that's what I'll be doing," she said. Paquette noted that besides her nomination, she then had to fill out an application, get two letters of recommendation, and a sponsor because it will cost \$600 to attend the seven-day run of the event. "Berkshire Power will sponsor me," Paquette smiled.

According to Mike Mancuso, who is the director of public relations for the Scholar-Athlete Games, the festivities are a continuation of three other venues they've run in the past — the 1993 and 1997 World Scholar-Athlete Games, and the 1995 Rhode Island Scholar-Athlete Games. "Those three were so successful, it seemed only natural to have one devoted to the entire United States," he said.

Attracting Kids From All 50 States...

It will be big, too, attracting kids from all 50 states. The expected attendance will be somewhere around 1,600, according to Mancuso. That might seem like a huge number. "It is big. But we had 2,000 for our world games," he noted.

Besides the nominations, sponsorships, and recommendations, the kids attending must be an underclassman with high athletic and academic skills. Promising players, some from the junior varsity ranks, will also attend. All the kids have also shown community and church leadership as well, noted Mancuso.

The two groups, scholar-athletes and scholar-fine arts students, will have their own programs to pursue. Fourteen sports will be offered to the former. Six different intellectual pursuits will be offered to the latter. The athletes will be randomly

placed in the sport of their choice with kids from around the country and supervised by established coaches. Prominent representatives from cultural areas will serve as mentors and share their expertise with the scholar-fine artists.

Mancuso pointed out, however, that the two groups will get together during their time at the games to share points of view and get to know each other. "Three of the five days will have what we call a 'Theme Day,' held in the morning. The student-athletes and the student-fine artists will get lectures on many subjects. We hope to have such dignitaries as Supreme Court Justice Byron White, Sir Roger Bannister, and perhaps former U.S. Senator Bill Bradley and hockey Hall of Famer Ken Dryden. Then they'll break off into smaller groups around the URI campus and discuss what was said. The theme days will last a couple of hours."

Leadership Development & Character Education...

The Theme Day will emphasize leadership development and character education in the following areas: Ethics and Sportsmanship, Community Service, and Global Responsibility in the 21st Century, according to Mancuso.

He also noted that roommate assignments were set up so a member of each group will be staying with each other. "What we try to do is avoid the segregation of athletes and the arts kids. Getting to know the other half and how they think is a big part of our program," he said.

Paquette, a 54-goal scorer this past season for AHS lacrosse, was captain of the lacrosse team, is treasurer of her class, and is a volunteer at her church. She hopes to play a lot of lacrosse while at URI. In Mancuso's words: "Tell her not to worry. When the groups are doing their own thing, there may be five or six hours each day to do it."

URI was chosen because it is the headquarters for the Institute of International Sport. And the school allows the Institute to utilize all their facilities.

As a footnote, Paquette also says she will be going to Maryland July 16th-18th with a team of Western Mass. girls lacrosse players, where they'll play 10 games against some of the best from that state. Also going with her will be Amanda Sternowski, another standout player on the AHS girls' lacrosse team.



ANN PAQUETTE, a standout member of the Agawam High School girls' lacrosse team.

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19th Annual Tournament...

Putting Contest Kicks Off Plans For Brightside Golf Classic

Preparations for the Brightside Golf Classic got off to a swinging start recently, as the event's major sponsors got together with children in the residential treatment program at Brightside for Families and Children to test their putting skills. The tournament will be played on August 2nd at Springfield Country Club in West Springfield, Crestview Country Club in Agawam, and Twin Hills Country Club in Longmeadow.

The major sponsors of the Brightside Golf Classic are the Bank of Western Massachusetts, Chicopee Savings Bank, Country Bank for Savings, Easthampton Savings Bank, Florence Savings Bank, Hampden Savings Bank, People's Bank, Pioneer Health Group, SIS, United Cooperative Bank, Westbank, Westfield Bank, Woronoco Savings Bank, Keefe Bruyette and Woods, and Balise Lexus. Last year, the tournament raised a record \$100,000; this year's fundraising goal is \$110,000.

Thomas Burton was the winner in the putting

contest, with the lowest score of all participants. Burton's achievement has earned Hampden Savings Bank's team its choice of course and starting tee on the day of the tournament.

Proceeds from the tournament benefit the more than 5,000 families and children in western Massachusetts, northern Connecticut, and beyond who are helped by Brightside's mental health and child welfare services each year. Reservations for the tournament will be accepted through July 23rd. Call (413) 493-2066 for information.

Brightside for Families and Children is part of Sisters of Providence Behavioral HealthCare, which offers western Massachusetts' most comprehensive range of behavioral health services, including inpatient psychiatric services; acute, residential, and outpatient mental health and substance abuse treatment; and complete adoption services.

Profile...

Erin Rescigno Reflects On Softball Career

by Dave Rollins
Sports Editor

Last Sunday, Erin Rescigno graduated from Agawam High School. The alumnus was an integral part of the girls' softball program for several years. Erin took some time out to talk about herself and her days at AHS.

She turned 18 on January 19th. Her four years of secondary education were spent at AHS. She finished up her high school career with anatomy and physiology, English 12, integrated math, and U.S. history. Erin was also on the yearbook as a member of the layout staff.

She was a many-time member of the honor roll, a Pro Merito scholar (attained by having an 82 or better average for all four years at the High School), a member of the Renaissance Club, and the Quill and Scroll.

Her favorite teacher while at the High School was Joseph Fitzgerald (contemporary history).

Erin will be traveling down the Mass. Pike this fall to attend Endicott College in Beverly (next to Salem, MA). "The school has a very good program in athletic training. I'd like to be an athletic trainer someday," she smiled.

Erin's sport at the High School was softball, which she played for four years. She was stationed at second base this past season and played the position well.

Erin's most memorable sports moment came last year, when the Brownies won the Western Mass. Division I softball crown.

Her take on the season just past: "We had some tough games and fought as hard as we could, especially against Cathedral in the playoffs. In the end, I learned a lot playing softball for Coach (Debbie) Lickley."

In the food category, it has to be her grandmother's (Sandy Rescigno) stuffed macaroni. "It's the best you could ever imagine," Erin admitted.

Erin's favorite color is green with a little blue thrown in.

Her choice in wheels would be a 1999 Mustang convertible.

Her top jocks are Atlanta Braves catcher Javier Lopez and San Francisco 49ers wideout Jerry Rice. The Braves and 49ers are her top teams.

She likes to hang out and relax at the Holyoke Mall or at a good movie.

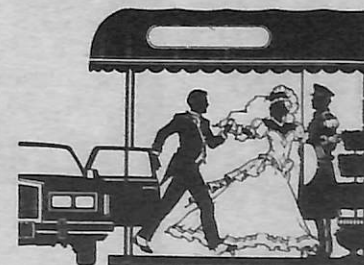
Erin's choice in clothes runs to the casual jeans or a nice pair of khakis and a comfortable shirt.

"I like a wide variety of music, from Will Smith to Garth Brooks," she said.

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ERIN RESCIGNO

"The X-Files" is her top TV show. She also has another favorite on the tube - *WWF's Raw is War*. "I love wrestling. It's my soap opera," Erin laughed.

The "Lethal Weapon" series is her favorite on the big screen.

Dave is her dad. Maryann is her mom.

Erin says she looks up to her parents and her grandmother, Mary Turner.

Erin walked to the podium and received her degree last Sunday at Springfield's Symphony Hall. It is now all remembrances. And she would like to be remembered as someone who worked hard both in the classroom and on the athletic field. "I'm very satisfied with every aspect of my high school career," she said.

"Erin was a hard worker and every enthusiastic. Erin got the most out of her athletic ability," said Coach Debbie Lickley.

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SUMMER SWIMMING LESSONS

All youth swimming lessons are offered at the Perry Lane Park Swimming Pool. Participants must bring their own bathing suit and towel.

Dates: Session I, June 28th-July 9th; Session II, July 12th-July 23rd; Session III, July 26th-Aug. 6th; Session IV, Aug. 9th-Aug. 20th; Session V, July 10th-Aug. 21st.

Sessions I-IV run Monday through Thursday. (Friday will be used only if a class is cancelled due to bad weather or if the class is cancelled during the week.) - 4:30-5:00 p.m., ages 3-5; 5:00-5:30 p.m., ages 6 and older; 5:30-6:00 p.m., all ages 3 and older.

Session V is on Saturday mornings only for seven weeks. (Saturday, Aug. 28th will be used only if a class is cancelled due to bad weather.) - 11:00-11:30 a.m., ages 3-5; 11:30-12:00 noon, ages 6 and older.

Cost: \$15 per child per session. Classes are limited to 25 participants.

SUMMER TENNIS LESSONS

All youth tennis lessons are offered at the Agawam High School tennis courts. Participants must bring their own tennis racquet and water bottle.

Session I, June 28th-July 9th; Session II, July 12th-July 23rd; Session III, July 26th-Aug. 6th; Session IV, Aug. 9th-Aug. 20th.

Sessions I-IV run Monday through Thursday, 9:00-9:55 a.m.; 10:00-10:55 a.m.; 11:00-11:55 a.m.

Cost is \$20 per child per session. Classes are limited to 10 participants per class.

Registration for the above mentioned classes, for Agawam residents only, began Monday, June 14th at 9:00 a.m. in the Recreation Office. Registration will be taken Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.



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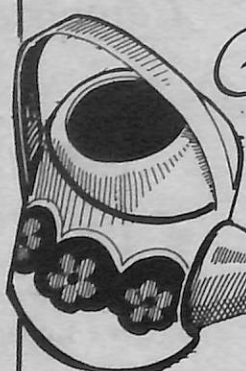
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Bobby's	6	6	1
Scoreboard	6	6	0
Joey's Pub	6	8	1
E.B's II	4	8	0
Sam's Sports Bar	4	8	0
Elm Pizza	4	10	0
Breakers	3	8	0
Riverdale Lanes	2	11	1

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The "Summer Skate to Ski Race Camp" at Springfield College is accepting applications for their August camp.

This year's training camp will take place the week of August 2nd-6th. All activities will be conducted on the campus of Springfield College.

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Agawam Annihilators Win 1st Place In U-12 Boys' Soccer Division

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With a near-perfect record of 11-1-2, the Agawam Annihilators (the only U-12 boys' team from Agawam) were forced to play a first-place tiebreaker game against Our Lady of Hope at S&W field on Wednesday, June 9th. After a very tight and even, ball-controlled first half, the score was even at 0-0, with lots of action on both ends of the field, and a great job by Mat Footit in the goal.

But the Annihilators came back out after the half with renewed determination to sew up their first-place spot, and played with the spirit, teamwork, know-how, guts, and character of a true championship team. OLOH, a tough, passing team, gave it their best, but Agawam controlled the game.

The front line of the team, led by Nicholas Alvanos (who displayed excellent, two-way-plan and tenacious ball control), along with team effort by Ryan Harlow and Jordan Buliso, showed their passing and shooting skills throughout the game, keeping the ball in front of the goal throughout the second half. Strong offense by Brian Simpson, Ryan McGuire, and Dan Serna helped control the game to keep the ball in OLOH's zone. (The team missed the solid contributions that Kevin Biena made during the season.)

The rock-solid defense, led by Matt Hartmann,

Ryan "Rudy" Evans, Greg Garvin (who saved a goal), and Mike Santos, protected the goal and gave goalie Mat Footit the support he needed to chalk up his sixth shutout of the season. But the heart of the game was center half back **Seamus Moran, who dug for gold and scored the only two goals of the game**, along with midfielders Sean Deglis, Derek Pelley (playing with a fractured wrist), Matt Sadowski, and Tommy Mercadante, who played tight defense, kept OLOH at bay in midfield, and also did the job moving the ball to the goal and shooting.

Coaches **Bill Footit** and **Donna Harlow** couldn't have been prouder of their team, one that they put together last summer, combining two teams into one (due to shortage of coaches), picking up a few new players in the spring season, and helping them to grow and develop as a team.

Due to the hard work, determination, persistence, and spirit of coaches and players alike, the team turned a 14-game losing streak fall season into an 11-win (no, make that a 12-win) spring season. What an accomplishment! The coaches never gave up on the kids, and the kids just never gave up.

The Annihilators will be headed for the Pioneer Valley Tournament in Huntington on June 19th and 20th, ready to show how much they love to play soccer, with hopes of having lots of fun and bringing home the first-place trophy.

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Outdoors New England

by Kent Servis
Outdoor Writer

Fish Early And Often...

Downrigger fishing has produced some decent catches of trout on area waters. For those of you that fish out of small boats, don't think that you are out of the running. Small, clamp-on downriggers are made that will fit the most modest budget, as well as the limited space of a car-topper or a canoe.

Gold-colored Phoebe lures, running about 15 feet in back of the balls, fooled several nice trout. The fish were holding at about 15 feet and were suspended over a depth of about 25 feet. The one compromise to technology is my portable depth finder. There is no sense in fishing blind.

Bass action proved hot later in the day, as we switched gear and headed into the very back edges of the lily pads in the south ponds. Quite a few really nice largemouth were hunkered down in the thick vegetation. These are the bass that seldom see a line. Only lightweight shallow draft canoes or a wading angler could maneuver through the tangle of pads.

As with other things in life, the biggest bass usually stake out the prime locations. Try fishing some of these locations on your favorite water. Canoes, float tubes, or wading can get you into some of the shallow backwaters that conventional rigs cannot navigate in.

Lure choice is limited. Weedless lures ... PERIOD! Heavy line is dictated here. Due to the fact that a five-pound bass weaving his way around a half-acre of pad stems has the upper hand, 14- to 17-pound test is the minimum for this type of fishing.

Eight-inch plastic worms or lizards, rigged weedless and with no weight, can be deadly in the thick pads. Casting to the back edge of the pad field, slowly crawl the worm over the pads, allowing it to drop into pockets of open water.

A big bass will explode on the lure like a depth charge. There is an unmatched thrill when you witness a bulge in the pads, heading for your lure like a torpedo. This is the moment to keep your

wits about you.

The fish can hit the lure in a blast of spray and weeds. Patience is important; the fish probably does not have the lure in his mouth. Bass will sometimes knock their prey off a lily pad, then turn and engulf it. Wait until you feel the fish or see movement in your line, then set the hook with authority. The term "cross his eyes" has special significance in this situation.

In addition to plastic worms and lizards, weedless frog imitations and pork frogs on a weedless hook can be deadly. When rigging pork frogs for lily pad fishing, I like to use the hooks that have a wire weed guard. Rig the frog so that the point of the hook rides up. This will decrease the chance of hooking onto a lily pad stem.

I am often asked as to what is the best time to go fishing. That is probably the most frequently asked question that I receive. The answer is really one of practicality — whenever you have the opportunity.

FISH REPORTS

Congamond Lakes — Kurt at Saunders Marina reports bass fishing is heating up. Plastic worms and spinnerbaits are taking their share of bass. Weekend boat traffic is getting heavy, but weekdays and evenings are providing excellent fishing opportunities.

Connecticut River — George from BG's Pro Tackle in Enfield reports that smallmouth are everywhere, along with some very respectable largemouth. Strippers are being taken at the mouth of the river in Old Saybrook, with some schoolie action remaining at the Enfield Dam. Poppers and five-inch Mambo Minnows, along with Bomber Long A's, are taking their fair share of fish.

Farm ponds are becoming heavily weeded and are producing some fine largemouth fishing throughout the valley.

SALT WATER

Bait fishermen using live eels are whacking linesides all along the coast. Bluefish are making appearances near the mouth of the river at first light.

Cape Cod — Strippers have moved into Cape Cod Bay and the canal. Chatham Light and other traditional hot spots are giving up some real bruisers, along with the numerous schoolies. Some bluefish action has been reported by boat fishermen from Martha's Vineyard to the upper Cape.

Rhode Island and Long Island Sound — The word here is that another banner season for stripers is at hand. Surf fishermen are scoring on live eels and the traditional assortment of plugs. Boat fishermen are taking fish at the rips near Cornfield Point. Some really hefty bass are being reported at the Race and Valiant.

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THE HAPPY COUPLE: Thomas Modzeleski and Nika Gagliarducci.

Nika Gagliarducci Engaged To Wed Thomas Modzeleski

Edward and Jane Modzeleski of Suffield Street, Agawam, are proud to announce the upcoming wedding of their son, Tommy, to Nika Gagliarducci. Parents of the bride are Albert and Rosemary Gagliarducci of Agawam.

Attending the bride as maid of honor will be Natalie LaMacha. Serving as best man will be the groom's brother, Mark (Pudge) Modzeleski.

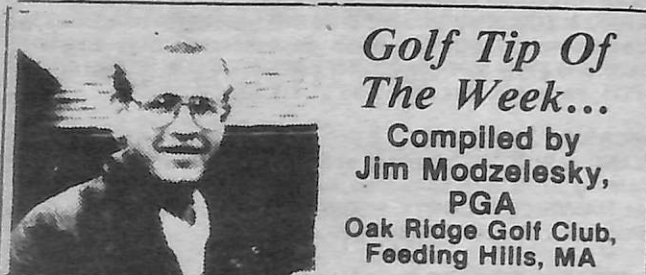
The groom is employed by Longhi's Golf Range of Southwick as supervisor of the sprinkler system.

The bride is employed by Yacovone Landscaping as manager of the fertilization program.

Performing the ceremony will be justice of the peace, Cigar Mazza.

The couple will honeymoon at the Christy Estate on Cape Cod. The couple will reside in Agawam.

— ADVERTISER NEWS —



Golf Tip Of The Week...

Compiled by
Jim Modzeleski,
PGA
Oak Ridge Golf Club,
Feeding Hills, MA

Backup Practice...

You'll read elsewhere that the perfectly struck putt (tap-ins not included) should be hit hard enough to roll about 18 inches past the hole were it to miss. Here's a drill that will give you a feel for the correct distance:

Lay down a club slightly more than 18 inches behind the hole. Now start rolling putts from different distances. The idea is to make your ball stop past the hole without actually hitting the golf club.

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YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT on Tuesday, July 6, 1999, at 10:00 o'clock A.M., at the Tax Collector's Office, Agawam City Hall, pursuant to the provisions of the General Laws, Chapter 60, Section 63, and by virtue of the authority vested in me as Collector of Taxes, IT IS MY INTENTION TO TAKE FOR THE City of Agawam the following parcels of land for non-payment of the taxes due thereon, with interest and all incidental expenses and costs to the date of taking, unless the same shall have been paid before that date.

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Ext. 220 Laurel Placzek, Collector-Treasurer
Ext. 256 AnnMarie Hartmann, Assistant Collector
Ext. 218 Collector's Office

AGAWAM MOOSE LODGE,
LAND & BUILDING located at BRIDGE ST in AGAWAM, containing .63 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map I17-2-2, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book 3575, Page 294. Tax for FY-98 \$615.38.

AGNOLI GORDON B,
LAND located at MEADOW ST in AGAWAM, containing .09 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map N13-9-4, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book 3779, Page 113. Tax for FY-98 \$35.01.

ARMATA DON C,
LAND & BUILDING located at 7 OAKRIDGE DR in AGAWAM, containing .45 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map D3-1-3, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book 4622, Page 134. Tax for FY-98 \$2,133.97.

BAYBANK N.A.,
CONDO located at 5A HERITAGE VILLAGE in AGAWAM, containing .00 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map M12-A-5A, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book 9678, Page 366. Tax for FY-98 \$501.01.

BLOCH JAY,
CONDO located at 119 REGENCY PARK in AGAWAM, containing .00 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map M13-2-119, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book 9702, Page 109. Tax for FY-98 \$615.03.

BLUEFIN ASSOCIATES,
LAND & BUILDING located at 320 BOWLES RD in AGAWAM, containing 15.35 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map G7-2-6, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book 6712, Page 283. Tax for FY-98 \$555.98.

BOURGEOIS WILFRED J,
LAND located at REAR MILL ST in AGAWAM, containing .29 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map F10-2-17, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book 5175, Page 7. Tax for FY-98 \$12.61.

CUSHMAN ALICE,
LAND located at COSGROVE ST in AGAWAM, containing .05 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map J3-2-23, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book 2333, Page 16&1. Tax for FY-98 \$11.83.

DESIMONE STEPHEN R JR,
LAND & BUILDING located at 72 ALBERT ST in AGAWAM, containing .23 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map L10-5-32, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book 2192, Page 404. Tax for FY-98 \$845.27.

ECKMAN RONALD G,
LAND located at LOT60 HOWARD ST in AGAWAM, containing .11 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map I16-8-11, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book 8345, Page 284. Tax for FY-98 \$425.79.

ECKMAN RONALD G,
LAND located at LOT62 HOWARD ST in AGAWAM, containing .11 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map I16-8-13, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book 8345, Page 284. Tax for FY-98 \$149.82.

FISHER JOHN G SR,
CONDO located at 178 BEEKMAN DR in AGAWAM, containing .00 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map L11-6-178, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book 7237, Page 260. Tax for FY-98 \$49.88.

FRANKLIN GEORGE A,
CONDO located at 260 REGENCY PARK in AGAWAM, containing .00 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map M13-2-260, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book 6659, Page 227. Tax for FY-98 \$621.34.

GEMME ARTHUR R plus,
LAND & BUILDING located at 443 NORTH ST in AGAWAM, containing .32 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map G13-3-8, record at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book 2054, Page 517. Tax for FY-98 \$10.34.

GODDEN LERRYN E,
LAND located at BARRY ST in AGAWAM, containing .19 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map A2-1-8, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book 7024, Page 510. Tax for FY-98 \$7.18.

HARRISON DEAN R & SHIRLEY M,
LAND & BUILDING located at 318 SHOEMAKER LN in AGAWAM, containing 1.41 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map H4-2-15, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book 6284, Page 191. Tax for FY-98 \$1,435.07.

HARRISON, DEAN R &,
LAND located at SHOEMAKER LN in AGAWAM, containing 1.03 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map H4-2-14, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book 6285, Page 181. Tax for FY-98 \$1,169.22.

HORANZY JAMES V,
LAND & BUILDING located at 927 SPRINGFIELD ST in AGAWAM, containing .21 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map F11-8-2, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book 7022, Page 185. Tax for FY-98 \$70.39.

HORANZY JAMES V,
LAND located at WILLIAM ST in AGAWAM, containing .15 acres shown on Assessor's Map F11-8-4, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book 7022, Page 187. Tax for FY-98 \$542.49.

HORANZY JAMES V,
LAND located at POPLAR ST in AGAWAM, containing .17 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map F11-8-5, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book 6364, Page 377. Tax for FY-98 \$770.29.

KRATIMENOS SOPHIE,
LAND located at NORTH STREET EXT in AGAWAM, containing .48 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map D12-2-34, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book 4145, Page 26. Tax for FY-94 \$125.41, FY-95 \$129.14, FY-96 \$124.48.

KRATIMENOS SOPHIE,
LAND located at NORTH STREET EXT in AGAWAM, containing .38 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map D12-2-35, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book 4145, Page 26. Tax for FY-94 \$120.88, FY-95 \$130.39, FY-96 \$125.68.

LAGUERCIA DAVID E,
LAND & BUILDING located at 621 SUFFIELD ST in AGAWAM, containing .46 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map J10-1-19, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book 5465, Page 535. Tax for FY-98 \$1,788.32.

LANGONE RICHARD,
LAND located at LOT5 MARK DR in AGAWAM, containing .27 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map K3-1-11, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book 7472, Page 583. Tax for FY-98 \$331.96.

LANGONE RICHARD,
LAND & BUILDING located at 61 MARK DR in AGAWAM, containing 1.101 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map K3-1-12, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book 7472, Page 583. Tax for FY-98 \$1,134.65.

LANGONE RICHARD,
LAND located at LOT8 MARK DR in AGAWAM, containing 1.30 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map K3-1-13, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book 7472, Page 583. Tax for FY-98 \$413.96.

LANGONE RICHARD,
LAND located at LOT6 MARK DR in AGAWAM, containing .27 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map K3-1-26, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book 7472, Page 583. Tax for FY-98 \$331.96.

LANGONE RICHARD J,
LAND located at LOT12 MARK DR in AGAWAM, containing 1.00 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map K3-1-17, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book 7472, Page 583. Tax for FY-98 \$405.29.

LONGTIN PAUL A,
LAND & BUILDING located at 24 HOWARD ST in AGAWAM, containing .11 acres shown on Assessor's Map I16-8-12, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book 8345, Page 277. Tax for FY-98 \$712.51.

MAC-BROOK INC,
LAND located at LOT23 KOSAK CT in AGAWAM, containing .47 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map B9-3-3, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book 7672, Page 485. Tax for FY-98 \$351.67.

MAC-BROOK INC,
LAND located at LOT26 TOBACCO FARM RD in AGAWAM, containing .47 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map B9-3-7, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book 7672, Page 485. Tax for FY-98 \$703.34.

MAGOVERN JOHN B,
LAND & BUILDING located at 152 SILVER ST in AGAWAM, containing .40 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map J8-2-4, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book 6991, Page 131. Tax for FY-98 \$1,750.65.

MARTINELLI ELEANOR P,
LAND & BUILDING located at 24 COLUMBIA DR in AGAWAM, containing .34 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map E11-12-7, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book 4525, Page 348. Tax for FY-98 \$1,471.10.

MCBRIDE MARTIN E,
LAND & BUILDING located at 349 PINE ST in AGAWAM, containing .67 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map D3-3-2, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book 4280, Page 236. Tax for FY-98 \$1,269.49.

MORIARTY EDWARD F,
LAND & BUILDING located at 1215 SUFFIELD ST in AGAWAM, containing .83 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map I5-2-5, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book 2560, Page 552. Tax for FY-98 \$1,395.65.

MURACH ANNA M,
LAND & BUILDING located at 51 ELBERT RD in AGAWAM, containing .28 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map L10-1-2, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book 8790, Page 561. Tax for FY-98 \$1,722.08.

MURPHY DANIEL P,
CONDO located at 233 REGENCY PARK in AGAWAM, containing .00 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map M13-2-233, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book 7506, Page 331. Tax for FY-98 \$537.76.

O'NEIL DANIEL J,
LAND & BUILDING located at 66 SOUTH WEST ST in AGAWAM, containing .35 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map C9-2-1, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book 9142, Page 219. Tax for FY-98 \$1,898.71.

PARK WEST BANK & TRUST,
LAND located at SILVER ST in AGAWAM, containing 22.10 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map G6-2-8, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book 8580, Page 239. Tax for FY-98 \$2,962.31.

PELLEY NORMAN,
LAND located at LOT1 MARK DR in AGAWAM, containing .34 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map K3-1-7, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book 7472, Page 581. Tax for FY-98 \$678.11.

PELLEY NORMAN A,
LAND located at LOT2 MARK DR in AGAWAM, containing .27 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map K3-1-8, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book 7472, Page 581. Tax for FY-98 \$663.92.

PRANKA ALAN E,
LAND & BUILDING located at 132 SHERI LN in AGAWAM, containing .27 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map H13-9-1, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book 8876, Page 568. Tax for FY-98 \$1,193.79.

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TAX TAKINGS - from Page 44...

REED KATHLEEN A,
LAND located at REAR SHOEMAKER LN in AGAWAM, containing 4.42 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map F7-1-9, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book 7858, Page 170. Tax for FY-98 \$571.24.

REED KATHLEEN A,
LAND & BUILDING located at 925 SHOEMAKER LN in AGAWAM, containing .54 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map F8-1-2, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book 7731, Page 71. Tax for FY-98 \$204.08.

RESKE JENNIE,
LAND & BUILDING located at 188 ROWLEY ST in AGAWAM, containing .47 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map I13-1-13, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book 3263, Page 158. Tax for FY-98 \$705.71.

RICCO JAMES A,
LAND located at WASHINGTON AV in AGAWAM, containing .34 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map J14-5-10, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book 9162, Page 15. Tax for FY-98 \$829.70.

ROBINSON DONALD H SR,
LAND & BUILDING located at 204 NORTH ST in AGAWAM, containing .27 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map H14-4-3, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book 8004, Page 592. Tax for FY-98 \$1,547.04.

SYLVAIN JAY W,
LAND & BUILDING located at 737 RIVER RD in AGAWAM, containing .27 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map M9-5-10, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book 9523, Page 574. Tax for FY-98 \$54.76.

TREAT CHARLES H,
LAND located at BARRY ST in AGAWAM, containing .50 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map A2-1-7, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book 7315, Page 577. Tax for FY-98 \$394.25.

TURN-KEY HOMES INC,
LAND located at 23 WALTER WY in AGAWAM, containing 2.18 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map K6-3-31, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book 9764, Page 308. Tax for FY-98 \$747.50.

VICKERS MICHAEL J,
LAND & BUILDING located at 333 RIVER RD in AGAWAM, containing .25 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map L6-9-6, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book 8990, Page 02. Tax for FY-98 \$902.82.

WASHINGTON RUTH,
LAND located at PINE ST in AGAWAM, containing 1.02 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map D3-3-8, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book 2531, Page 518. Tax for FY-98 \$80.42.

WASHINGTON RUTH,
LAND located at PINE ST in AGAWAM, containing .50 ACRES

shown on Assessor's Map D4-4-3, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book 2531, Page 518. Tax for FY-98 \$70.96.

WASHINGTON RUTH,
LAND located at PINE ST in AGAWAM, containing .50 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map D4-4-4, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book 2531, Page 518. Tax for FY-98 \$70.96.

WASHINGTON RUTH,
LAND located at PINE ST in AGAWAM, containing .50 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map D4-4-5, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book 2531, Page 518. Tax for FY-98 \$70.96.

WASHINGTON RUTH,
LAND located at PINE ST in AGAWAM, containing .50 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map D4-4-6, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book 2531, Page 518. Tax for FY-98 \$70.96.

WOZNY RICHARD,
LAND & BUILDING located at 20 VALLEY ST in AGAWAM, containing .60 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map I17-1-20, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book 5402, Page 372. Tax for FY-98 \$930.43.

JAMES GLEN H plus,
LAND & BUILDING located at COSGROVE ST in AGAWAM, containing .00 ACRES shown on Assessor's Map J3-2-33, recorded at HAMPDEN COUNTY REGISTRY OF DEEDS - Book, Page 265. Tax for FY-89 \$23.35, FY-91 \$32.54.

Agawam Little League Major Div. Standings (As Of 6/13/99)

TEAMS	W	L
T.V.S. Communications Yankees	10	2
Teddy Bear Pools Orioles	9	3
McNair Business Machine Mets	8	4
Scott's Citgo Red Sox	6	6
Breakers Billiards Dodgers	6	6
Valenti's Restaurant Braves	5	7
Berkshire Power Indians	3	9
Coldwell Banker Royals	1	11

Agawam Little League Minor Div. Standings (As Of 6/12/99)

TEAMS	W	L	T
Agawam Cinemas Red Sox	10	1	0
Agawam D.A.R.E. Giants	10	2	0
Westfield Bank Yankees	9	4	0
Bridgeport National Royals	9	4	0
Smart Appraisal Mets	5	7	0
Dreyer Plumbing & Heating Dodgers	5	5	1
Geissler's Market Orioles	3	9	0
Luigi's Pizza Braves	1	10	1
Quail Run Indians	1	11	0

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Blimpie's Purple Knights	4	6
Firestone Bombers	4	7
Valenti's Restaurant Braves	2	8

WEST DIVISION	W	L
Fran's Restaurant Yellow Devils	7	2
Structural Welding Engineering Crushers	7	2
Westfield Bank Black Hawks	6	4
E. Cecchi Farms Mets	1	10

9-10 TEAMS	W	L
NORTH DIVISION		
Town Insurance No. 4	3	1
John's Trucking No. 1	2	3
Reed's Industries No. 3	2	3
The Cutting Edge No. 2	2	4

SOUTH DIVISION	W	L
Mr. Sign No. 6	5	0
Bradway Limousine Service No. 8	3	1
Fitness Fitness No. 7	1	3
Kid's Footwear No. 5	0	3

11-12 TEAMS	W	L
Luigi's Athletics	10	1
Northern Electric Braves	9	3

Riverside Phillies	5	6
Alvin's Astros	4	6
Westbank Marlins	4	7
Bear Auto Orioles	1	10

GIRLS' STANDINGS	W	L
8-9 TEAMS		
Stan's Soft Serve Maroon	8	1
Phipp's Discount Teal	6	4
Agawam Medical Supply Green	4	6
Baystate Gas Red	4	7
American Classics Orange	3	7

10-12 TEAMS	W	L	T
Stop & Shop Green	8	1	1
Dayga Printing Navy	6	2	1
Tolli's Orange	6	4	0
River Auto Gray	5	6	0
Poolman Pools Teal	3	6	0
Partner's Restaurant Maroon	3	7	0
Travel Connections Red	3	8	0

13-17 TEAMS	W	L
New Horizons Yellow	9	1
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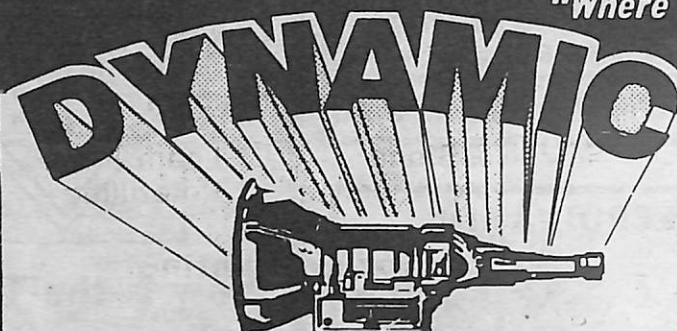


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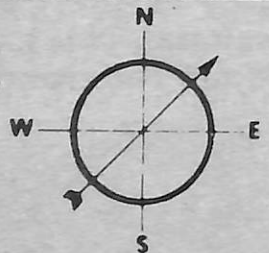
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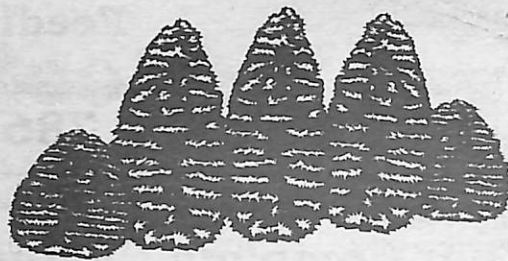
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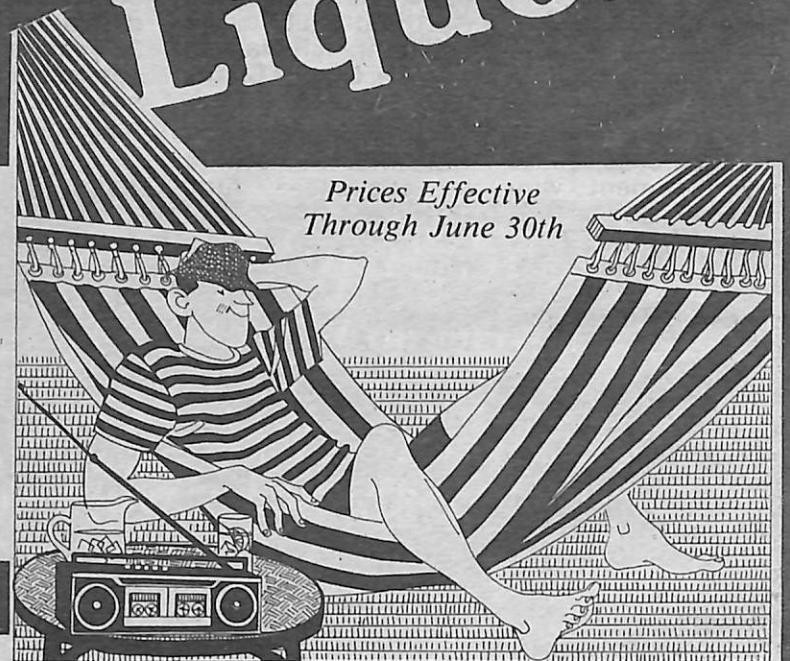


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